

# Safety Alert

From the LEG HSE Department

## Bites and Stings



Since this 2022-2023 season, has offered a mild winter, warmer than usual temperatures re-introduce additional hazards to the workplace: bees, snakes, insects, and spiders. They appear as the temperatures remain mild. *All team members are reminded to take precautions to prevent bites and stings.*



## Unsafe Activities and Conditions



- ✚ Tall grass, shrubs, piles of leaves, rock, and wood piles are good habitat for snakes, insects, and spiders.
- ✚ Work clothes, boots and PPE are also good hiding places for snakes, flying bugs, insects, bees and spiders.
- ✚ Leaving food and drink in work areas can attract snakes, bees, wasps, and spiders.
- ✚ Handling equipment that has been in storage could disturb snakes, insects, and spiders.

**PREVENTION! DETER! DODGE! ANTICIPATE! AVOIDANCE!** is the plan!



Be careful walking across a location, entering a confined space, or a POJ. Look where you are stepping.  
Be mindful of your hand placement, especially at night.  
The Lights attract bugs. Bugs attract hungry spiders.



If you see snakes, insects or spiders, leave them alone and notify your supervisor for proper extermination.  
If you are allergic to any vector bearing animal (e.g. bee venom), let your supervisor know and carry an epinephrine pen with you while working.



Duct Tape or a credit card can be used to remove the stinger from your body. The stinger needs to be removed ASAP

Because everybody reacts differently and because it is an LEG Policy: REPORT the occurrence to your supervisor immediately.  
Try to find the culprit. This helps lead to corrective aid.