

Safety And Your Bees

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Some members report recent multiple stings

Reminder Of Some Basics: Conventional Wisdom Learned

Do not wear black and dark clothing unless you want to imitate a bear

Do not wear loud perfumes, aftershaves or emit other sweet odors unless you enjoy "the kiss" (sting) of the bee.

Unless necessary, do not open when raining, very cold and near nightfall's can be a badTime.

Mid-day when sun up is a good time to enter the hive when many bees are away.

Approach hives from the rear.

Watch hard or sudden jolts to the hive—be gentle sweetie with the ladies; Have some r-e-s-p-e-c-t.

When observing hives, don't stand in the landing paths to the hive. Often bees are loaded down with nectar and pollen and are like heavy bombers.

Have epi-pens (spelling?) available for self or others (get prescription)

Wear proper protective gear

Wear proper protective gear correctly

Replace worn-out gloves, gear

If no protection, do let the bees sit down on you. Flip away as if a fly.

Learn to discard embedded stingers-don't pinch but scrape.

When leaving area, bees may cling to your clothing-give them the brush off.

Suggestion: have hives off the ground when you don't have to kneel down, so they won't crawl up your pant legs.

The more frequent trips to open\get into the hives helps bees to be accustom to your coming I believe. But going in too often is a disturbance.

If in a car and driving, and a bee rides inside the vehicle with you, stop the vehicle and let the bee out. Do not attempt to kill the bee if still driving sole person in the vehicle. Avoid deathly or injurious accidents.

Hives, supers can be heavy with bees and honey, watch your back.

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