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BEE AND WASP STINGS

Recently an infrastructure employee was stung by a bee and suffered an allergic reaction requiring admission to hospital and treatment in the Emergency Department.

Bee and wasp stings have the potential to cause a small number of individuals to go into anaphylactic shock with dire consequences.

Due to the isolation and obscure access to some of our worksites it is imperative that employees diagnosed as allergic to such stings have emergency first aid treatment available to them at all times.

The recent death of a person in Southern NSW has highlighted the potential risk for those that are known to be allergic to bee or wasp stings not having emergency first aid treatment immediately available.

If you have experienced bad reactions to bee or wasp stings in the past you need to consult your doctor who will prescribe the required first aid treatment. That treatment must be available at all times.

At home or work ten minutes can be too long in these circumstances.