

BEE INFORMED, BEE PREPARED

What's the difference between a wasp, a honey bee, and a bumble bee?

WASP



Slender shape
Narrow waist
Smooth body
Little hair
Long legs
10 to 25 mm
A wasp can sting many times, because its stinger is smooth

HONEY BEE



Rounded shape
Waist not very visible
Pollen baskets on legs
12 mm (worker)
A honey bee stings only once then dies. Its stinger is barbed, so the bee can't pull it out again.

BUMBLE BEE



Stocky shape
Waist not very visible
Very hairy body (furry-looking)
Pollen baskets on legs
6 to 25 mm
A bumble bee can sting many times, because its stinger is smooth

How to Avoid Getting Stung

- avoid wearing brightly colored or patterned clothing
- avoid walking barefoot
- avoid perfume or cologne when heading to a heavy bee area
- avoid sudden movements
- avoid leaving food goods, especially sweets, exposed

If You Get Stung

Most allergic reactions to bee stings include pain, and red swelling around the sting. Other common reactions include hives, nausea, dizziness, and a tight feeling in the throat. If these symptoms occur, the person needs medical attention immediately.