

Construction and landscaping crews work in areas where ticks, mosquitoes, bees, wasps, hornets, spiders, snakes, and other wildlife may be present. Take a few simple precautions to prevent bites, stings, and other exposures.

PREVENTION

- Wear appropriate gloves, long pants, and long sleeves when working in vegetation or other areas where insects or animals may be present.
- Use an EPA-registered insect repellent according to the product label.
- **Look before you reach** into brush, holes, vegetation, debris, equipment, or other concealed areas.
- Check clothing, boots, gloves, and equipment for ticks and insects before entering vehicles or buildings.
- Watch for insect activity before mowing, trimming, clearing brush, or disturbing vegetation.

Common Insects & Wildlife to watch out for:

- **Ticks**
 - Common in tall grass, brush, wooded areas, and leaf/debris areas.
 - Check your legs, waist, armpits, neck, and hairline after outdoor work.
 - Remove attached ticks promptly with fine-tipped tweezers.
- **Mosquitoes**
 - Common around standing water, drainage areas, tall grass, and vegetation.
 - Use EPA-registered insect repellent and wear clothing that provides coverage when appropriate.
- **Bees, Wasps & Hornets**
 - Nests may be found in trees, shrubs, brush, structures, equipment, stockpiles, and underground.
 - Watch for insect activity before mowing, trimming, or disturbing vegetation.
 - Do not disturb nests or hives. Move away if insects become aggressive and notify your supervisor.
- **Spiders & Snakes & other wildlife**
 - Use caution around wood piles, rock piles, mulch, leaf/debris piles, stone walls, equipment, holes, and concealed areas.
 - Never attempt to handle or capture a snake or unknown animal.
 - Keep your distance and notify your supervisor if you encounter a potentially dangerous animal.



If You are Bitten or Stung:

- Move away from the area to prevent additional bites or stings.
- Wash the affected area with soap and water.
- Report the incident to your supervisor.
- Monitor for signs of a serious reaction.
- **Seek emergency care immediately** if for difficulty breathing, swelling of the throat/tongue/lips, widespread hives, severe dizziness, fainting, or other rapidly worsening symptoms.



Toolbox Talk Attendance Form

Supervisor / Project Manager: _____ Date: _____

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