

## 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.