SAFE WORK PRACTICES:

Bee Alert

The Africanized honeybee, popularly known as the “killer bee,” is moving into Southern California.

KNOW THE BEES BEHAVIOR

Your best protection against the Africanized bee is to understand how it behaves and react accordingly.

Bees “swarm” to establish new hives in the spring and fall; you may find bees setting up housekeeping where you work literally overnight.

WHAT TO DO?

Take some common-sense precautions:

Make a “bee patrol” around your work area once or twice a week during swarming seasons. Listen for the sound of bees in the air. Persistent buzzing may mean a hive or swarm is nearby.

“Bee-proof” your work area by filling in potential nesting sites such as tree cavities and holes in outside walls. Put screens on the top of rainspouts and over water meter boxes in the ground. Remove piles of trash and junk.

If you discover a bee colony, don’t disturb it. Contact the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office at (714) 447-7100. If at work, report to the Facilities department at X4040.

If attacked by Africanized honeybees, your best defense is to run away as fast as you can. Seek shelter immediately in a building, a car, or heavy brush.

If you are stung many times, seek medical immediately.

If you are allergic to bee stings, or think you might be, consult your physician for the best precautions to take when the Africanized bee reaches your area.

BEE SAFE!!

FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE CONTACT THE EHS SERVICES OFFICE AT x4797

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