

## Stinging Insects



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Yellowjackets, bees and hornets can deliver a painful sting and pose serious health risk to those allergic to stings.

Reduce risks with integrated pest management (IPM)—smart and sensible practices. Monitor and report stinging insect activity. Keep outdoor trash receptacles clean and closed. Rake up fallen tree fruits. Inspect regularly, report and eliminate pest-friendly conditions.

Resources available at:

**[neipmc.org/schools](http://neipmc.org/schools)**

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## What Schools Can Do:

- Have an anaphylaxis/emergency response plan for stings and train staff to follow it.
- Report and destroy nests located where people can be stung.
- Seal and repair holes in/on building exteriors, missing end-caps on fences, hollow elements in playground structures before warm weather arrives to prevent nest-building.
- Inspect school grounds and buildings for activity and nests regularly.



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Free certificate training at:

**StopSchoolPests.org**

