

Health and Safety around Honeybees



SAMPLE APIARY RISK ASSESSMENT (5 Point Plan)

Date of Assessment2010

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1) HAZARDS	2) PEOPLE AT RISK	3) ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN	FURTHER ACTIONS REQUD TO ACHIEVE BEST PRACTICE	4) ACTION PLAN By Whom	By When	Done
Bees stinging	Passers-by Visitors to apiary	Ensure hives are sited away from footpaths Ensure that an "Advice on Stings" document is located in staff areas Protective clothing prior to entering apiary	Display a "Bees at work" sign prominently, 5m from hive Ensure that an emergency beesuit is available in staff area Obtain spare beesuit	Site responsible Apiary Co-ordinator/Secretary	Before visit	√
Vandalism of beehives	Vandals & Passers-by	Keep hives out of public view				√
Back damage from lifting hive boxes	Beekeeper & helpers	Ensure everyone has basic manual-handling training	Prepare sheet with basic instructions ref "lift with legs" etc	Apiary Co-ordinator	Prior to lifting actions	
Chemical use (Bee pest & disease treatments & hive preserving chemicals)	Beekeeper & helpers	Instructions –read & understood Protective gloves & masks provided				√
Trips & falls	Beekeeper, helpers & visitors	Smooth off ground & fill in potholes				
Fire risk from Smoker	Beekeeper & property	Ensure Smoker has a nozzle cork when not in use.				√
Apiary Site Staff Awareness	Staff may be unaware of what to do in an emergency	Post up a notice in office with outline first aid instructions on what to do if someone gets stung or who to contact if there is a swarm	Prepare instructions Provide emergency phone numbers	Apiary Co-ordinator		√ √

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<p>5) REVIEW Date June 2010.....</p>	<p>Items to consider -Incidents since last review -Changed circumstances</p>
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