



Zero Fatalities
Zero Lost Time
Zero Road/Speed Incidents
Zero Environmental Incidents
Zero Tolerance of Unsafe Behaviours & Practices



PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 16

Date: 14 June 2019	Focus Group: Allergy Sufferers
Topic: Bee sting – Hypersensitivity Reaction	Issued by: Nic Steens

Incidents: During loading, a driver was stung by a bee while in the truck cab. The driver grabbed his EpiPen and injected himself and then left the site. While driving, his breathing became more difficult, so he stopped and called an ambulance.

Injury Details: Nil – IV administered and held in hospital for observation.

Risk Awareness: Known allergy sufferers, and in fact everyone, must maintain awareness that an insect bite or sting could trigger a severe anaphylactic response.

Safe Behaviours: Known allergy sufferers are prepared with an auto-injectable device that delivers the drug epinephrine – a life-saving medication used to treat a severe allergic reaction known as anaphylaxis. How can we [prepare for such an event?](#)

1. Purchase an [EpiPen](#) (\$120) and record its expiry date into the first aid kit register.
2. Following use, immediately phone an ambulance and do not operate machinery.
3. Know the signs of anaphylaxis – (A) Airways – husky voice, swallowing difficulties, (B) Breathing – wheeze, ‘asthma like’ gasping, (C) Circulation – pale skin, dizziness.
4. Ask employees to tell you about their allergies and to provide regular updates.

For Site Manager use (print this document and then complete):

This safety alert is relevant to my site? Yes or No (circle one)

If yes, complete the following actions:

1. This safety alert has been discussed with employees and operators
2. I have placed this safety alert on the site notice board or in the safety file

Site Manager: _____
(signature)

Date: / /