

SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Santa Ana, California

BEE STINGS

- 1.0 Most bee stings only cause a local reaction, however, certain persons, both students and staff members, are highly sensitive to bee stings. These persons will suffer allergic or anaphylactic shock. If they are not treated promptly, death can occur within minutes.
- 2.0 Not everyone who is hypersensitive to bee stings is aware of his/her condition, however, when the school becomes aware of the problem, a physician's written diagnosis and recommendation for oral and/or injectable drugs must be obtained. On large school campuses, it may be necessary to have duplicate supplies of student medication on hand, e.g., P.E. Department.
- 3.0 Symptoms of anaphylactic shock are:
  - 3.1 Extensive swelling about neck and face.
  - 3.2 Wheezing, difficult breathing.
  - 3.3 Pallor or blue color of skin.
  - 3.4 Anxiety or prostration.
- 4.0 Procedures to follow are:
  - 4.1 Designated personnel who have received instruction from school nurse will administer prescribed medication per physician's order.
  - 4.2 The principal or his designee shall immediately call the Paramedic Unit.
  - 4.3 The principal or his designee shall call the parents and inform them of the incident and the emergency action.
- 5.0 Because of the unavailability of school nurses on each site every day, it is imperative that emergency procedures for anaphylactic shock be developed by the principal in consultation with the school nurse prior to an emergency.

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