Victor Harbor Community Kindergarten
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Purpose: Review  2016

To minimize potential hazards to children at the Victor Harbor Community Kindergarten from European wasp stings.

Strategies ; Prevention

* Fruit time and lunch time - eat inside when wasp are prevalent - wasps are attracted to food.
* Minimize water play outside in summer months - when wasps spotted – refrain from having water outside - wasps are attracted to water.
* Keep outside free of potential food sources – compost bins need to be firmly closed and not smelly.
* Provide information to the children through stories and discussion. Utilize “Invacuation Practice” as a means to alert children to the potential danger of European wasps. Encourage children to identify wasps and alert adults at kindergarten when wasps present.
* Stress to children that they must tell an adult if they are hurt in any way by insects in the yard.
* Children to wear shoes outside the sandpit.
* Alert parents to presence of wasps at the Kindergarten.
* Check with Local Council if any nests have been located recently. Notify the council of the presence of wasps at the Kindergarten to alert council workers to possible wasp nests at the river.
* If wasps are swarming, contact local pest control to seek assistance - set traps.

First Aid Procedures:

* Ice pack applies to bit area.
* Parents notified
* If swelling appears, seek medical advice immediately

Children’s health information must be kept up to date in case of allergic reactions or any medical conditions that may be affected.

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