

# TEXAS MUTUAL SAFETY ALERT



As a service to our policyholders, Texas Mutual shares common workplace injuries reported to our claims department. Our goal is to help you ensure these types of incidents do not happen in your workplace. Find tips and suggested e-Learning courses below to help keep your employees safe on the job.

If you have questions, we encourage you to call our safety services support center at **844-WORKSAFE (967-5723)** between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST.

## IN THIS ALERT

- Wildlife and insects
- Chemical safety

## WILDLIFE PROVIDES UNEXPECTED JOB HAZARDS

An employee was operating a front end loader and accidentally disturbed a bee hive. He was stung over 60 times. In another incident, an employee was bitten by a spider, which caused necrosis on the leg.

Wildlife is a relevant hazard for many employees, but it's often overlooked.



### ! Safety tips:

- Avoid cologne and perfume as well as any perfumed soaps or deodorants.
- Wear light colored clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
- Practice good housekeeping and do not allow trash - especially food - to accumulate.
- Scan your area prior to work and be especially careful lifting any boxes, leaves or tree branches.
- Always wear closed-toed shoes, and if you're in an area where snakes could be present, wear tall leather boots.
- Remain calm if a single stinging insect is around, but run if attacked by several stinging insects.

### e-Learning course suggestions:

- First Aid - Flying Insect Stings
- First Aid - Snake Bites
- First Aid - Animal and Human Bites and Scratches

## CHEMICAL SAFETY

While setting up to clean a drill, an employee poured some of the cleaning chemical into a water bottle. Later on, the employee went to get a drink and accidentally drank out of the bottle containing the chemical.

Chemical safety affects most workplaces and it's crucial that all employees know how to handle chemicals at work.



### ! Safety tips:

- Familiarize yourself with the nine [pictograms](#) that could appear on a chemical label.
- If using a proper [secondary container](#), make sure a Hazard Communication Standard label is attached.
- Make sure you know where the safety data sheets are stored and how to read one, or ask a supervisor for clarification.
- Always put chemicals away in the proper location after use but no later than the end of the shift.

### e-Learning course suggestions:

Hazard Communication  
GHS  
Safety and Health -  
Advanced  
Safety Showers and Eye  
Washes

## GET FREE SAFETY RESOURCES

Texas Mutual policyholders have access to thousands of free training materials in our multimedia safety resource center, including 200 free e-Learning online training courses. With e-Learning, you can assign safety courses to your employees to help train them and keep them safe.

To access the free materials, log into your [texasmutual.com](https://texasmutual.com) account and select safety resources. If you need helping accessing the safety resource center or you have a workplace safety question, call us toll-free at **844-WORKSAFE (967-5723)**.