



# EssexBeekeepers'Association

## EBKA Apiary Meetings - Risk Assessment

The Appointed Safety Officer (ASO) is to consider, prior to the meeting, the health and safety issues outlined below and covered in more detail in the EBKA Health & Safety Policy.

Date: ..... Venue: .....

Name of Appointed Safety Officer: .....

Recognised hazards	Level of risk	Action
Bee stings	Potentially High	See below
Heavy hives	Medium	Ask for help
Uneven ground/trip hazards	Low	Clear obvious hazards
Livestock/pets	Low	Ensure controlled
Any peculiar or unusual risks at venue:-		

### Bee Stings

#### 1. Prevention

- Weather: consider cancelling the meeting if cold/wet/windy
- Avoid jeans or clothing made of fluffy material
- Avoid strong scents
- Avoid opening known aggressive colonies where practical
- Ensure protective clothing is bee proof – mutual inspections
- Don't stand in the bees flight path
- Remove any bees before removing protective clothing (mutual inspection)



## **2. Preparation – ASO shall:**

- Ensure access to Mobile phone/signal or landline phone
- Know Postcode of property
- Delegate duties once meeting starts if also doing demonstration
- Attendees - shall: Notify RP if history of serious adverse reaction to stings or have an identified allergy
- Allergic members will be expected to carry and administer their own adrenaline as necessary

## **3. Action**

- Remove sting if possible
- Smoke area or wash gloves in soda solution
- Move away from hive to dark building or inside if necessary to escape from bees

## **4. More severe reaction**

- Move inside to assess and consider:
- Administering their own adrenaline/antihistamines
- Take in car to A&E
- Summon ambulance

## **Indoor Meetings**

- ASO to be aware of potential hazards and advise on exits.