Honeybees can be scary because they can sting. Normally, they will only sting when protecting themselves and their hive.

A honeybee's stinger has hooks on it to make it stick in skin. Venom is forced from the stinger under the skin and causes pain. When the honeybee flies away, it leaves its stinger behind and dies.

Remember that some stinging insects may sting more than once.

**Reduce Your Chance of Being Stung**

- Wear clothes without bright colors
- Avoid wearing perfume
- Stand still or move away slowly if a bee is near
- Try not to irritate or endanger a bee
- Keep from swatting at bees
- Avoid standing between a bee and its hive.