

What to do if you're stung by an **ASIAN GIANT HORNET**

One Sting

Localized Pain

- Apply ice to sting site
- Take antihistamine
- For pain, take aspirin
- Clean sting site

Anaphylactic Reaction¹

- If easily available, immediately inject epinephrine (EpiPen)

Call 911

Multiple Stings²

Localized Pain

- Apply ice to sting sites
- Take antihistamine
- For pain, take aspirin

See a health care provider promptly

Severe or Anaphylactic Reaction¹

- If easily available, immediately inject epinephrine (EpiPen)

Call 911

Asian giant hornet venom can damage the skin surrounding a sting.



Hornet sting photo: Singh Y, Joshi SC, Saxena SR, Kalil M. *Int J Health Allied Sci* 2014;3:56-9

¹ Hives, flushed skin, or paleness. Suddenly feeling too warm. Feeling like you have a lump in your throat or difficulty swallowing. Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Abdominal pain. A weak and rapid pulse. Runny nose and sneezing, or swollen tongue or lips.

² Deaths from hornet stings are mainly due to anaphylactic shock or cardiac arrest, though rarely there can be failure of kidneys or multiple organs, typically after a relatively large number of stings.



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