Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially fatal allergic reaction that can occur within minutes of an insect sting.\(^3\)

Anaphylactic reactions that may occur within minutes after exposure include:\(^2\)
- itching
- rash
- hives
- swelling
- breathing difficulties
- abdominal pain
- rapid heart rate
- abnormally low blood pressure
- cardiac arrest.

5-7.5% of Americans are hypersensitive to insect stings, meaning they’re at risk of anaphylactic shock if they’re stung by an insect, such as a wasp or bee.\(^1\)

WASPS
Wasps are predators and are slender with smooth bodies and slender legs.

BEES
Bees are pollinators and are hairy and robust with flat legs for gathering pollen.

VENOM IMMUNOTHERAPY (VIT) CAN TREAT SEVERE BEE AND WASP ALLERGIES.\(^3\) TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT VIT OR VISIT BeeAwareAllergy.com TO LEARN MORE.

\(^3\) Throughout this program the term “bees and wasps” is used as a generalized description of stinging insects. The complete list of VIT insects include: honey bee, wasp, white-faced hornet, yellow hornet, and yellow jacket.  