



WILDLIFE & INSECT HAZARDS IN BREWERIES AND TAPROOMS

▶ Common safety risks:

- ▶ Wildlife (raccoons, bats, rodents) - disease, property damage, surprise encounters
- ▶ Venomous snakes - hiding in woodpiles, landscaping, sheds; risks of bites
- ▶ Stinging insects - bees, wasps, hornets near patios, trash bins, loading areas.

▶ Hazards affect:

- ▶ Workers performing maintenance, landscaping, or waste handling.
- ▶ Patrons using outdoor seating or walking near landscaped areas.





DETERRENCE AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- ▶ Make Your Facility Less Attractive to Wildlife
 - ▶ Eliminate food/water sources: cover trash, clean up spills
 - ▶ Seal gaps, cracks, and entry points in buildings
 - ▶ Elevate woodpiles and store them away from walls
 - ▶ Keep grass, shrubs, and landscaping well-trimmed and clear of debris
- ▶ Discourage Nesting and Roosting
 - ▶ Remove wasp nests early in the season.
 - ▶ Install decoy predators or bird spikes as needed.
 - ▶ Block access to attic spaces or unused storage areas.





SAFE INTERACTIONS FOR STAFF AND GUESTS

- ▶ Train Staff to Handle Wildlife Sightings Safely
 - ▶ Do not touch or relocate animals or insects.
 - ▶ Report sightings immediately to management.
 - ▶ Use “stop work” practices if hazards are present in work zones.
- ▶ Protect Patrons and Maintain Public Confidence
 - ▶ Clearly mark or cordon off affected areas.
 - ▶ Relocate guests if wildlife is present near seating.
 - ▶ Ensure taproom staff know how to respond to sting/bite incidents.



OCBA SAFETY COMMITTEE

Health & Safety Resources are available at:

- [OCBA Safety](#)
- [Rubicon EHS - Services for Breweries](#)
- [Ohio BWC Consultation Program](#)

Submit questions to the OCBA Safety Committee:

- ohiocraftbeer.org/safetyquestions/

Golden Hard Hat Applications can be emailed to Justin Hemminger:

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