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Children's  
Garden

## The "Bee Safe" Rules

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### **1. Don't Get Between a Bee and its Lunch**

Bees don't mind if we watch them eat, but they get upset if we get between them and their sweet flower nectar! Wouldn't you get upset too, if someone huge stood between you and your lunch and wouldn't let you eat it?

### **2. Don't Wave Your Hands in the Air Like a Great Big Bear**

Who is bigger, you or a bee? If you act like a big bear, bees will get scared! They only have one weapon to use if they think a bear is attacking them- if you were scared, do you think you might use your only weapon too?

### **3. Don't Bee a Flower (aka Take Two Steps Back)**

Are you wearing clothes that are the same color as a flower? Bees don't see shapes as well as they see bright flower colors, and might come close to check you out for a little while. They'll figure out pretty quickly that you don't have any nectar and pollen, and they will go find a real flower. But when you take two steps back, you will help them figure it out super fast because flowers can't walk!