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Advisory on Snakes

This circular is to share with you that Management had met and discussed with the representative from (Wildlife Management & Outreach), National Parks Board (NParks) on the issue of snakes. NParks has shared the following advice:

| NParks Advice | Actions Taken by Management |
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| 1. Increased grass/ground cover cutting frequency to keep plants short, discouraging snake's abilities to hide amongst it. | Grass cutting is being carried out twice weekly, and plants are closely monitored. |
| 2. Educating those taking dogs on walks to be aware and in control, not letting the dog run off chasing a snake in a bush. Note that, snakes are generally shy and will move away but defend themselves when provoked/attacked. | Owners are advised to inform their family members and helpers to take note of NParks advice. |
| 3. Installation of mesh where drainage hole/grill spacing large enough to allow snakes access if required. | Management will assess the feasibility. |
| 4. Identifying common venomous snakes – especially the black spitting cobra. | Please refer to the email sent by Management to residents on 21 May 2019 containing information and advisory on snakes. |
| 5. Advised to avoid handling snakes (especially, e.g. cobras), and to call the relevant authorities if relocation is required – to maintain eye contact on the snake and cordon off the area from the public to ensure snake is still present upon arrival and public is kept at a safe distance. To update the call centre if the snake has moved away | |
| 6. Shared that snakes are part of our urban wildlife and are not 'pests'. | |

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Please note that most of the snakes seen in the estate are non-venomous, see the advisory on snakes dated 21 May 2019 and the enclosed Nparks advisory for more information.

Therefore, please call the **security guardhouse at 6440 2122** if you see a snake in the estate.

Thank you for your attention and co-operation.

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For and on behalf of the MCST Plan No. 1801



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