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Client Update 9

Snakes Alert in Mabvazuva

Residents in Mabvazuva are being warned to be on the look-out for snakes. This has been a result of the increased construction activities in the area, which naturally displaces creatures in the area. Our workers have reported seeing snakes in the grassy areas in the project. Some of the disturbed snakes could find their way to your residential areas, posing risk of snake bites to people. However, the snakes will migrate to other areas as more people occupy their stands.

What to do when you see a snake

We would like to encourage our clients not to panic when they encounter a snake. Even if you have encountered a venomous snake, the snake is unlikely to attack or bite unless provoked. If you move towards it or attempt to pick it up, you may provoke an attack. However, standing still or slowly moving away gives the snake a chance to escape harmlessly.

But most of all, don't panic! In fact, many snake encounters can be avoided by the following safety measures:

1. Try to walk on cleared or paved paths so you can see where you put your feet and avoid stepping on a snake by accident.
2. Use a torch in dark areas, especially during twilight hours and at night.
3. Wear appropriate and safe clothes if you expect to be walking in grassy and overgrown areas of Mabvazuva. (A useful precaution for children playing outdoors).
4. In residential homes, ensure that corridors and paths are well lit. Cover crevices and potential entrances into buildings that may have been created by rats or during construction. Cover drain pipe openings with fine wire mesh
5. Clean up around the house and cut grass and lawns regularly.

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6. Avoid unnecessary piles of rocks, timber, sheets of metal, or building materials, as snakes are attracted to these. Ensure your workers exercise caution when working on such piles.

Exodus & Company would like to encourage all residents to stay safe and not to make any attempts to capture the snakes. Where necessary, please notify the Zimbabwe Parks and Wild Life Management Authority of the presence of snakes in your homes. Their contact numbers are +263 (242) 707624-8. Please remember to have someone watching the snake in your home if you have to leave the area when calling National Parks. This is so that the search and capture becomes easier when they arrive. Also a brief description of length, colour and body patterns when you call the, can be extremely useful.

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