



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT



RATTLESNAKE SIGHTING GIBBS HILL ROAD

Residents Must Stay Alert and Follow All Safety Instructions

The Ministry of Public Works and Environment advises that the investigation into the **reported rattlesnake sighting** in the Gibbs Hill Road area is **active and ongoing**. Specialist teams from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo continue coordinated monitoring and rapid-response operations.

Authorities are also securing **appropriate antivenom** and additional protective equipment to ensure responders are fully prepared should the animal be located.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED FOR ALL RESIDENTS

- **Report sightings** — If you believe you have seen the snake, call 911 immediately and keep a safe distance.
- **Do not approach** — Never attempt to capture, corner, or harm the animal.
- **Maintain safe visual contact** — If safe, keep eyes on the snake until authorities arrive.
- **Avoid hidden areas** — Stay clear of dense vegetation, debris piles, or enclosed spaces.
- **Protect pets** — Keep pets indoors or under close supervision.

IF YOU SEE A RATTLESNAKE

- Stay well away.
 - Do not approach or disturb it.
 - Call 911 immediately.
- If safe, keep the snake in sight until authorities arrive.



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VENOMOUS SNAKE BITE WHAT TO DO

CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY

DO

- **Move away safely** — Put distance between you and the snake.
- **Stay calm and still.**
- **Keep the bitten arm or leg at about heart level.**
- **Remove rings, watches, or tight clothing before swelling begins.**
- **Follow emergency responder instructions.**
- **If safe, note what the snake looked like or take a photo from a distance.**

DO NOT

- **Do not try to catch or kill the snake.**
- **Do not cut the wound or suck out venom.**
- **Do not apply a tourniquet, ice, or electric shock.**
- **Do not drink alcohol.**
- **Do not take aspirin or ibuprofen unless directed by a doctor.**
- **Do not delay seeking emergency medical care.**

**Early medical treatment saves lives.
Every venomous snake bite is a
medical emergency.**

ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES FOR HOMES & YARDS

- **Secure your property** — Keep doors, garages, sheds, and storage areas closed.
- **Limit outdoor activity** — Children should avoid bushy or low-visibility areas.
- **Use outdoor lighting** — Improve visibility around your home at night.
- **Check before you step** — Scan the ground near vegetation or rock walls.
- **Keep grass trimmed** — Reduce hiding spots.
- **Avoid leaving food outdoors** — Remove pet food, birdseed, and open garbage.
- **Carry a phone outdoors** — Keep your phone accessible.

COMMUNITY COORDINATION

- **Inform neighbours** — Ensure elderly residents and those without social media are aware.
- **Report unusual animal behaviour** — Notify authorities if pets behave strangely.
- **Avoid spreading rumours** — Share only official Ministry updates.

Residents are urged to remain vigilant and **strictly follow all safety instructions**. Public cooperation is essential to ensuring the safety of the community while the investigation continues



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