



## DANGEROUS PESTS

### SNAKES



- Most snakes which enter buildings are non-poisonous.
- Snakes commonly enter homes via holes or gaps in buildings
- Found in deserts, gardens, houses.
- Some species lay eggs, others give birth to their young.
- Painful when bitten, some deadly.
- Timid creatures, only biting when trodden on or suddenly disturbed.

#### VISIBLE SIGNS

- Holes in gardens.
- Under the trees, bushes, rocks.
- Snakes hibernate in dens or in hollow trees.

#### CONTROL MEASURES

- Get to know the poisonous snakes of your area.
- Always keep your eyes open and watch your steps.
- Remove as much snakes harbourage as possible.
- Keep your property free of rubbish and the grass short.
- Any snakes found in houses can be clubbed or captured and removed.
- When a bite occurs, medical help should be sought as soon as possible.

### FLIES



- Flies are a potential danger to health.
- Contaminate food by depositing organisms from its contaminated legs and also vomit on it to make it soft.
- Flies pick up pathogens from garbage, human faeces, sewage and other sources of filth.
- Transmit diseases such as cholera, typhoid, dysentery, poliomyelitis, food poisoning which are all highly infectious to humans.

#### VISIBLE SIGNS

- They can be found everywhere in and around homes.
- During daylight hours house flies will rest on floors, walls and ceilings indoors.
- Outdoors they will rest on plants, on the grounds, on fence wires, garbage bins and storage areas.
- Decaying animal and vegetable matter and manure.

#### CONTROL MEASURES

- Eliminate their breeding places.
- Application of residual insecticides.
- The use of ultra-violet lights.
- Good sanitation.

### ANTS



- They are social insects and live in colonies.
- Many invade houses in search of food.
- Most species will eat a variety of foods but very fond of sweets.
- Ants may affect us adversely by stinging and biting.
- Invading and contaminating food after crawling over sputum, faeces etc. and possibly transmitting certain diseases when doing so.
- Their presence annoying humans.
- Most species are neutral or non-damaging.

#### VISIBLE SIGNS

- Many species prefer to nest in the ground, under paving or lawns.
- Others may be found in dead logs, hollow trees, fence posts or in premises.

#### CONTROL MEASURES

- Eliminate their nests.
- Residual insecticides spray or dust.
- Removing food scraps.
- Ant baits.
- Good cleaning and housekeeping.