

SWAT TEAMS ON THE GROUND

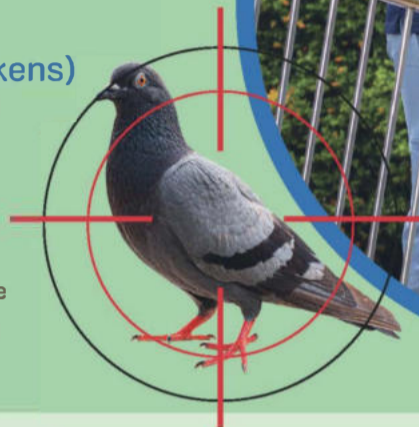
Not the trained police officers who confront dangerous criminals, the Special Weapon and Tactic (SWAT) teams at Ang Mo Kio Town Council are special task forces formed in 2024 to proactively tackle issues related to birds, mosquitoes and rodents. Discover how these dedicated teams adopt a holistic approach to DETECT, DETER and DESTROY unwanted species in our estates, fostering a healthier and safer living environment.



BIRDS

(mainly pigeons, crows and chickens)

Bird spikes and nets are installed to reduce pigeon nesting sites. The team also works with government agencies to deter high-rise littering and bird feeding, as well as to improve refuse and food waste management at bin centres and food establishments. Educational banners are displayed across the estates to discourage bird feeding and raise awareness of the issue.



MOSQUITOES

Inspections are conducted once a week in estates or twice a week in dengue clusters to identify potential breeding sites. Mosquito-control measures, including fogging, oiling and the use of sand granule insecticide, are carried out judiciously to eliminate infected mosquitoes and larvae.



RODENTS

The team conducts site inspections and deploys surveillance devices to identify rodent entry and exit points. Rat trappings, culling and sealing off of rat burrows are carried out to prevent rat infestation. Food businesses are also advised to keep their premises clean to deter rat habitation.



Refrain from feeding animals, and ensure that food waste is disposed of properly to eliminate food sources.

Regularly check for and remove stagnant water and clutter to eliminate potential habitats.

COLLECTIVE ACTION
IS THE KEY TO A
HOLISTIC APPROACH

Report issues related to birds, mosquitoes and rodents via the OneService app.

宏茂桥市镇理事会成立了特别工作小组，以采取各种措施管控鸟类、蚊虫和老鼠相关的问题。居民也应配合，不要喂食野生动物、妥善处理垃圾、清除积水和杂物，以及通过“一联通”（OneService）应用通报问题，协力保持环境卫生。

Majlis Bandaran Ang Mo Kio telah menubuhkan sebuah pasukan bertindak khas bagi menangani isu-isu berkaitan burung, nyamuk dan tikus secara proaktif. Para penduduk boleh membantu dengan tidak memberi makan kepada binatang-binatang ini, membuang sampah dengan betul, membersihkan air bertakung dan barangan berselerak dan melaporkan isu-isu menerusi aplikasi OneService.

பறவைகள், கொசுக்கள், எலிகள் சார்ந்த பிரச்சனைகளுக்கு முனைப்புடன் தீர்வுகாண, அங் மோ கியோ நகர மன்றம் சிறப்புப் பணிக்குழுக்களை அமைத்திருக்கிறது. குடியிருப்பாளர்கள் விலங்குகளுக்கு உணவளிக்காமலும், கழிவுப் பொருட்களைச் சரியான முறையில் வீசியும், தேங்கிக்கிடக்கும் தண்ணீரையும் அடைசலையும் நீக்கியும், OneService செயலி வாயிலாகப் பிரச்சனைகளைத் தெரியப்படுத்தியும் தம் பங்கிற்கு உதவி செய்யலாம்.

Rats can give birth to 20 pups at a time, and their numbers can increase from **2 to 2,000,000** in two years if there is no intervention.



Mosquitoes can breed in stagnant water as small as a **20-cent coin**.



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