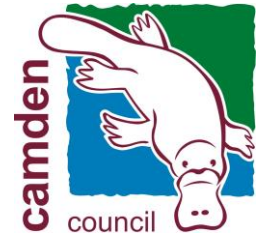


# CAMDEN COUNCIL

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### BE SNAKE WARY THIS SUMMER

Summer can be a great time to be outdoors, however the warm weather can bring out snakes in search of food, water and shelter. Council is encouraging residents to be snake wary and to take relevant precautions this summer.

Venomous snakes found in the Sydney region include the red-bellied black snake and the eastern brown snake. Sighting a snake can be an alarming experience, but there are steps you can take to discourage snakes from straying onto your property:

- Keep your lawns mowed and garden areas free of overgrowth
- Keep your property free of rubbish and debris
- Control rats and mice on your property

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak is encouraging local residents to be aware of the potential dangers when encountering a snake.

“Seeing a snake can be unsettling. Although summer is an ideal time to be enjoying the great outdoors in beautiful Camden, it is important to be aware that this is a time when snakes are most active.”

“There are precautions you can take. If you see a snake, move away as calmly and quickly as possible and make sure that pets and children are well away from the snake.” Cr Symkowiak said.

Never try to kill or capture a snake as most bites occur while attempting to do this.

All native snakes in NSW are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. If you find a snake on your property, call a licensed snake collector and keep an eye on the snake from a safe distance until they arrive. To contact a licensed snake collector, contact WIRES on 1300 094 737.

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