

MEDIA RELEASE

CONDOMINIUM RESIDENTS FINED FOR FLOUTING COVID-19 CONTROL ORDER REGULATIONS

20 April 2020, Singapore – Since the implementation of elevated safe distancing measures on 7 April 2020, the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) has conducted checks on over 230 strata-titled residential developments. BCA has so far issued composition fines to one Management Corporation (MCST) and four condominium residents for flouting the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020.

2 In order to reduce movement and interactions in common spaces and minimise contact between individuals from different households, all common facilities in strata-titled residential developments, such as condominiums, must be closed. Residents should ensure that there are no visitors to their homes for social purposes, and should not conduct social gatherings within the estates. If residents need to leave home for valid reasons, they must wear a mask even if they are within the compounds of their estates.

3 Three of the non-compliance cases involved a resident from a condominium at Irrawaddy Road who had used the pool, another resident of a condominium at Flora Road who had brought her children to play by the pool, as well as a resident of a condominium at Sims Drive who was found not wearing a mask at the main entrance.

4 The remaining cases took place at a condominium at Amber Road, where the MCST was found to have failed to close all its common facilities. One of its residents was also found using the common gym.

5 The MCST was issued a composition fine of \$1,000, while the condominium residents were each fined \$300.

Elevated safe distancing measures

6 BCA urges MCSTs and managing agents (MAs) to step up efforts in reminding residents the importance of complying with the elevated safe distancing measures in controlling the spread of COVID-19. Residents should support and cooperate with MCSTs and MAs, and observe the measures put in place by the MCSTs. They can report non-compliances to the MCST and/or MAs for appropriate actions to be taken.

Reporting non-compliances

7 BCA has been receiving feedback on non-compliance¹ with the elevated safe distancing measures, and proper information (e.g. location, date and time, and photographic evidence) provided has aided BCA in carrying out further investigation on such feedback.

8 BCA's Enforcement Officers will continue to conduct random checks on strata-titled residential developments during the circuit breaker period to ensure that the elevated safe distancing measures are complied with.

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Annex: Infographic issued to MCSTs

About BCA

The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) of Singapore champions the development of an excellent built environment for Singapore. BCA's mission is to shape a safe, high quality, sustainable and friendly built environment, as these are four key elements where BCA has significant influence. In doing so, it aims to differentiate Singapore's built environment from those of other cities and contribute to a better quality of life for everyone in Singapore. Hence, its vision is to have "a future-ready built environment for Singapore". Together with its education arm, the BCA Academy, BCA works closely with its industry partners to develop skills and expertise that help shape a future-ready built environment for Singapore. For more information, visit www.bca.gov.sg.

¹ Feedback can be provided to BCA at <http://www.bca.gov.sg/feedbackform>.

An Advisory to Residents



Let's Keep Our Home and Family Safe



Get the latest information and advisories for MCSTs on COVID-19



No Usage of Common Facilities

Common facilities have been closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 through social interactions. Do not attempt to use the common facilities nor ask the MCST to open the common facilities.



No Visitors for Social Purposes

There should be no visitors, including family or friends, to your unit for social purposes*



No Social Gathering within the Estate

If you and/or your household members are out for valid reasons, please avoid any social gathering with others and keep a lookout for your household members to ensure that they do the same.



No Exercising with Other Households

Exercise at home where possible. If you have to exercise outside, do not do it with other households. Practise safe distancing at all times.

* For exceptions where visitors are allowed to your unit, please refer to COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020



It is an offence to disobey safe distancing measures.
The health of all depends on each one of us.

