

Safety & Health Circular No. 08 / 2016

Prevention against Zika Virus (2nd Issue)

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As Hong Kong is expecting normal to above-normal temperature and rainfall this spring, it is likely that the situation of mosquito-borne diseases would aggravate. You are required to cooperate by strengthening the following anti-mosquito measures:

- Thoroughly check all gully traps, roof gutters, surface channels and drains to prevent blockage;
- Scrub and clean drains and surface channels with an alkaline detergent compound at least once a week to remove any deposited mosquito eggs;
- Properly dispose of refuse, such as soft drink cans, empty bottles and boxes, in covered litter containers;
- Change water completely for flowers and plants at least once a week. The use of saucers should be avoided whenever possible;
- Level all defective ground surfaces before the rainy season;
- Avoid staying in shrubby areas; and
- Take personal protective measures such as wearing light-coloured long-sleeved clothes and long trousers and apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothing or uncovered areas of body when going for outdoor activities.

More anti-mosquito measures are available in the Guidebook on Control and Prevention of Mosquito Breeding by Food and Environmental Hygiene Department via web-site

https://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/pestcontrol/handbook_prev_mos_breeding.html

You are also reminded on the actions required under our Safety & Health Circular No. 06/2016 issued on 3 March 2016.

You may visit the pages below for more information and health advice about Zika Virus:

The CHP's Zika Virus Infection page

http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/43086.html

The Zika page of the Department of Health's Travel Health Service

http://www.travelhealth.gov.hk/english/popup/popup_zika.html