Inconsiderate Neighbours

Started by oreo, Aug 12 2012 01:19 AM

-Guest-

For noise created by neighbor, many times there is no solution to it no matter u complaint to hdb, police, or even went to confront them. Some pple just simply selfish and only care for themselves.

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-OMG Romeo style-
Strange all of you who have lived in a country with more than 40 years of independence is still stuck in the dark ages about all these simple to solve communal issues and still many of your lovey dovey actions are still recently remains unchanged as illegal.

Instead of being complain queens of aunties, please guys, do something like a man for a change.

-Guest-

Do something like a man for a change. Such as what? Even HDB cannot do anything to them. There is no law here saying you cannot make noise inside your own home. What can we do "like a man"? Fight with them?

-Itchy Pussy-

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Two warriors are better than one staying alone when dealing with insensitive neighbour. If couple realised their neighbour is anti gay, please have noisy sex at night until their neighbour cry mercies and leave the neighbourhood. Besides, what can the law do to these couple since S377A is overturned and yet the court didn’t want to bring it up again. Gay couple has nothing to lose even if they hold a public wedding ceremony in Singapore knowing our court is hopeless.

MenBtySpa

Inconsiderate Neighbours...???
I think its better to know your neighbours well and be friends with them, I think these type of issues will be solved...

I have moved into my neighbourhood for over 10 years and my neighbours are wonderful and friendly. We will give each others gifts and exchange dishes. Recently that I have a Korean Family (husband and wife and their 2 boys) who moved to my unit. I was suprised that they offer a plate of their Tong Hoon Salad to my familie during our reunion dinner and wish us a Happy Chinese New Year, in return, I gave them some of my home baked Kuek Lapis and Pineapples Tarts with a bowl of my mom's Chicken Curry...

As for the other neighbours, they are so lovely too. They will always give us gifts whenever they returns from oversea...

I believe that when you are nice to your neighbours, they will certainly be nice to U...

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U r rite. HDB only tok to the owners but whether the owners cooperate and stop making noise, nothing HDB can do. This is y my neighbour's dog sill continue making noise n not doing anything abt it, cos they know they get away with it.

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**-imawayfarer-**

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Tot he wanted to have fun with u?! Haha. Sometimes too friendly also problem.

better dun bring different guys to yr home.neighbour tends to gossips wat the hell always got different guys in and out yr home?so choose neighbours who always close door .

How u know ur neighbours r those always close door or open door?

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Hi all,

i have a problem .. my neighbour who is OCD placed her big vase near to my side window . Hers is a corner unit and mine is next to her...so she placed 3 vases and 1 of them already touched my side window...on top of that she locked her trolley which is placed under my window too...i cant remove her trolley for sure but i have the urge to remove her vases as it intrude our space and privacy...we can't even open our side window freely as we wish coz she will surely pretend to come out and water her plants...who knows she will peep our window...i feel like placing a divider plank to cover my side window as a divider for space...and shift her vases more to her side... this is really nerve wrecking as she still want to claim for space rights which is not even her area at first place..please advise should i just shift her vase or complain to Town Council...cos i ever did that once but TC won't help much either...just speak to her and let it be...sigh.

-Bearbear-

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-Guest-  

Posted 15 January 2014 - 03:30 PM

me too. My upstairs are one bunch of pinoys, They rent whole unit. Total 6 of them. Very noisy. I reported mata, but they not too scared of mata. End up i forward the police report to HDB and complain and threaten to see MP. HDB spoke to owner, and i guess owner warned his tenants. Recently noise significantly reduced.

Skylite : Town council and hdb can be effective. Question is : they want or don't want to help u. If u invite wanbao reporter to come, confirm they will take effective action.

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i suggest u don't hold on. Still proceed despite the improvement. Sometimes the improvement is only temporary. After a while, they will heck care and all the noise may come back.

I report police once. When police questioned them, they deny the noise is from them. Next day, the noise continues. Police will be effective on Singaporean occupants, but may not have effect on certain nationalities. In some countries, they are not afraid of police at all. For my case, they are pinoys, they are

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not afraid of police. But when their landlord came to know about the police report, they paid attention to the matter and took concrete action, and the situation improved significantly. For my case, it is landlord who solve the problem, not the police.

Same for MP. Will only have effect on singaporean (if he is the landlord). Foreigners can't be bothered with MPs or police.

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**alien**

Posted 17 January 2014 - 11:17 PM

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2 floors below u, the noise still so clearly? My neighbour upstairs always like to drop things on the floor at night! Actually my block always have different type of noise happening.

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**-WMP-**

Posted 17 January 2014 - 11:47 PM

I goggled the subject out of curiosity and found many forums (including BW) having issues with inconsiderate neighbours. Some of these forums I’ve never heard off before. There’s even a FB where you are encouraged to like the FB to make the authorities take note.

I too am not spared - the movement or dragging of furniture across the floor can make you cringe. The lesson to take away is: next time choose take the highest floor, that way you won’t be at the mercy of the unit above. BTW, do the higher or highest floor cost more?

Since it is such a common issue with residents, HDB should build thicker flooring if not soundproof it.

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**-Guest-**

Posted 18 January 2014 - 12:58 PM

Make thicker flooring - this will not happen. They will contain costs to minimum, but try to sell at maximum price.

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At one stage, they used one type of floor tiles for toilet which is of very very low quality, most likely with manufacturing flaws. I guess they choose it because it is very cheap. Many people complained the tiles trapped water, and they were forced to redo it without charge.

sorry a little out of topic, but just trying to illustrate to WMP that they wll not soundproof just because some people complained, because soundproofing and thickening comes with additional costs.

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**IkuTube**

Posted 18 January 2014 - 02:36 PM

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This, too, is out of topic. I think there’s an HDB regulation to floor weight.

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**-Guest-**

Posted 18 January 2014 - 02:48 PM

Still out of topic : Question is how come these noises only appear very severely in HDB blocks, but they don’t appear that severely in commercial office buildings or 5 star hotel rooms. Different floor weight limit for different types of buildings? I am curious, will such noises also appear in marina bay suites? Anyone live in marina bay suites, can share?

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**-telok blangah crescent-**

Posted 19 January 2014 - 10:03 AM

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When i visit other countries, i don’t remember seeing residents poking bamboo sticks outside their kitchen to dry laundry. They usually have a small balcony to sun clothes inside their house. Even in HK where their apartments are so small and city so dense, i don't remember seeing bamboo sticks poking out. They won't have this type of problem where upstairs throw rubbish and land on their laundry. This type of "poking bamboo sticks" is only seen here.

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Don't hang laundry outside. Hang it inside. If u afraid of smell if laundry is not being put under sun, u can use fragrance detergent or washing powder.

I feel this is not "side track". This is still relevant to the topic "inconsiderate neighbours". Upstairs is also considered neighbours.

-Guest-

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They won't evict even if it is rented to tenants. I complain until threaten to see MP, they also didn't evict or order owner to change tenant. They only use informal mediation. Unless there is illegal activities, eg, collect 4D or used as brothel, or owner sublet without HDB approval, or overcrowding etc.

So if anyone (me included) hoping for eviction got to watch out for such violations where u can catch them and provide grounds for eviction.

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**Nightingale**

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Well retorted!!! 😂😭😭

Nightingale is the type of 卖国贼 that will stop at nothing to make this island 100% foreign trash.

He might just be earnestly looking towards the day that he replaces our flag with the PRC one.

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-warlock88-

CALL MATA PLEASE. fking inconsiderate neighbours!!

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And i am outraged by your line of reasoning - that education does the trick for us. How true is that? And you pointed an accusing finger at foreigners, linking to your theory that our education system works for us but implying theirs do not work for them. Why don't you just say education does not work for all? You also point to their lack of "compassion". Back in the early 90s before the foreigners influx, a packet of food almost hit me while I was walking on the ground floor outside the void deck. So you think our locals have "understanding"? Only locals hang out their laundry and very few foreigners do that? So where is your logic? Aren't your comments uncalled for?

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You are absolutely right. I wrote to the HDB, Town Council and the police. My neighbours' behaviour improved only for a while after they received the HDB letter. It was the policeman who visited me that did the trick. So it depends on how you talk to the policeman.

-Guest-

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There is no point arguing with u so much. We risk the whole thread being thrown into flaming room. People are not blind. They got eyes to see and observe around their surroundings.

-Guest-

Please visit those few blocks surrounding army market at beach road + those blocks near to Woodlands checkpoint + Rowell Road/Serangoon Road

And then compare with Punggol or Sengkang or Tampenis.

Make your own observation.

Nightingale

While you can compare Beach Rd or Rowell Rd with the newer towns in the northeast, you have left out Smith Street, Joo Chiat Complex, the Bedok blocks near the Salvation Army, certain blocks in Macpherson and Bukit Merah estates. Widen your comparison.

-Guest-

Smith street is near chinatown where china workers like to gather

Joo Chiat Complex definitely has foreigners because it is near to paya lebar industrial. Bedok, machperson, bukit merah are near industrial areas.

Punggol sengkang was being used becasue they don't have that many foreigners. Tampenis is definitely not
a new town.

Refrain from arguing till face turn green. People got eyes to observe around their surrounding.

PaterTenebrarum

You do not complain to the police about noisy/inconsiderate neighbours. Such matters are NOT under the purview of the Singapore Police Force.

Police officers already have much on their plates tackling crime.

However, if the neighbour threatens you with bodily harm, (ie. criminal intimidation) or assaults you (ie. voluntarily causing hurt/ grievous hurt) then by all means, call the police.

Here: Hope this helps. This lists down the kinds of problems you may encounter and the agencies that deal with them.

http://www.spf.gov.sg/heragencies.htm

Edited by PaterTenebrarum, 19 January 2014 - 04:21 PM.

-Guest-

Errrr..... it depends on what time the noise occurs. i did speak to hdb officer. He told me if it is after 11pm, it is under purview of police because HDB is already closed. But during office hours, we should report to hdb, not 999. When police come, they will ask the offending party to stop the noise, but next day. the case will be followed up by HDB. I can confirm this because i have made a police report last year at midnight.

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Tsk..some civil servants just tend to "siam" responsibilities.

If I'm not mistaken, noise from neighbours, regardless of time, is never under the purview of the police. But the police will still come anyway (Just like cases involving snakes, and whatever found in homes)

Trust me. You should have just waited until the next day...and then tell HDB. Record/get a video of the incident and get it done...cos the police will NOT investigate the case. But still, there is not much the HDB can do. At most, they will try mediation.

But that's about it.

Now, in my line of work, I work very very closely with the police and unfortunately, 999 is often abused by people who call about non-emergencies (like noisy neighbours, for instance). As such, officers are often deployed to non-emergency cases when they should be doing what they are supposed to do...that is, to keep crimes at bay. Hence, I repeat, 999 is FOR EMERGENCIES.

Imho, the members of a noisy household, while irritating, may not commit a crime per se.

You may of course, disagree with me, and that's fine. But Im just telling you what I know and what police officers have told me.

-N-Guest-

Nonsense. It is the job of the police to maintain the peace and quietness in the neighborhood. That is the reason why we had so many NPP springing up all over the place. What else do you think it is for? To show a friendly policemen face to the people? To respond to murders more quickly? I think it is the SPF themselves who were trying to "siam" his own duties by telling you it is not within their jurisdiction to respond to noisy neighbors in the middle of the night. The policemen must be there in the middle of the night to investigate the causes of the commotion. And like the other guest had mentioned, pass this on to HDB to handle if
nothing vociferous was found, and act as the third party verifier as well.

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**PaterTenebrarum**

Ok then... Moving on, eh?

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**Nightingale**

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Joo Chiat Complex definitely has foreigners because it is near to paya lebar industrial. Bedok, machperson, bukit merah are near industrial areas.

Punggol sengkang was being used because they don’t have that many foreigners. Tampenis is definitely not a new town.

Refrain from arguing till face turn green. People got eyes to observe around their surrounding.

Oh please. Many China workers gather means they are more likely to be responsible for high rise litter? You forgot there are many locals living in Smith Street flats, especially the elderly. Wrong, Joo Chiat Complex has a higher density of locals. So by your reasoning since most HDB estates are near industrial areas, they will have more foreigners & so foreigners must be the higher-than-usual-probability culprits for dirtying other's laundry? So easy to jump to conclusion right? So all those dirtied laundry is the work of foreigners residing in AMK, Bedok, Toa Payoh ... and oh ya, Tampines also has industrial areas right? How come the foreigners there so specially well behaved huh?

Tampines is not a brand new town but definitely much newer than your Beach Rd-Rowell flats and has received an award for town management. Just in my own estate alone, it is the locals who litter the void deck and clutter up corridors & stairways with trash & furniture, especially just before the festive seasons. Just face it. Visit a few areas at night and you will see litter. So stop making sweeping statements about which group is more guilty or less guilty of littering. It is a case of the local pot calling the foreign kettle blacker. This thread is on inconsiderate neighbours, so you should be suggesting ways of dealing with this problem instead of pointing fingers when your observation is unduly coloured by your hearsay.

Errrr..... it depends on what time the noise occurs. i did speak to hdb officer. He told me if it is after 11pm, it is under purview of police because HDB is already closed. But during office hours, we should report to hdb, not 999. When police come, they will ask the offending party to stop the noise, but next day. the case will be followed up by HDB. I can confirm this because

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i have made a police report last year at midnight.

On some nights, the noises of splashing water, dragging of furniture & an object poking against the wall started at 3 a.m. Since it is non-emergency case, I called the neighbourhood police post at 4 a.m. and even after 5 a.m., no policeman turned up. By then the noise had stopped. The usual excuse is the police post is understaffed or they have to attend to "more urgent" matters. And even the policeman himself who visited me said that their powers are limited. So PaterTenebranum is right. Still, it is good to write to both HDB and the police, so that there is an official record of complaint against that unit. In future, if there is a second complaint against it by another neighbour, your case will be stronger.

-Guest-

Posted 19 January 2014 - 05:52 PM

I think Nightingale, the resident PRC sympathizer here, is trying to say that our country had turned out to be a much better place to live with these foreigners around: less riots, more space on trains, more gracious society, less littering, quieter, more peaceful.

That is why our policemen simply cannot believe him that there is someone making noise at his estate 3 am in the morning, so they chose to ignore the call from the friendly neighborhood 卖国贼。

-Guest-

Posted 19 January 2014 - 10:18 PM

Whenever Nightingale posts, he is sure to create annoyance with his provocative remarks that evokes a response.

Not all foreigners are guilty. There are also many law abiding foreigners. Not all Singaporeans are saints. There are also un civic singaporeans here. I am saying in terms of probability, the likelihood of a culprit being a foreigner is higher than the likelihood of the culprit being a local.

Obviously Nightingale has no knowledge of laws of probability at all. That is why he is so defensive over the foreigners and point the whole thing to singaporeans.

When i compare beach road, rowell road and tampines, i deliberately take the area with the highest concentration and compare it with the area with low concentration so that the difference can be seen. U mention AMK, TPY, these comparisons has no statistical significance because they are at neither extreme end. Hello, u got study statistics or not? Vomit blood.
There are so many registered members, but only a few are targeted and stalked and flamed. Surely there is a reason for the selection. I believe guests don’t go around randomly selecting their targets. Those so called victims certainly has some unique characteristics that provokes flaming. Confirm this is not random selection.

-Guest-

Tsk..some civil servants just tend to "siam" responsibilities.

If I'm not mistaken, noise from neighbours, regardless of time, is never under the purview of the police. But the police will still come anyway (Just like cases involving snakes, and whatever found in homes)

Trust me. You should have just waited until the next day...and then tell HDB. Record/ get a video of the incident and get it done...cos the police will NOT investigate the case. But still, there is not much the HDB can do. At most, they will try mediation.

But that's about it.

Now, in my line of work, I work very very closely with the police and unfortunately, 999 is often abused by people who call about non-emergencies (like noisy neighbours, for instance). As such, officers are often deployed to non-emergency cases when they should be doing what they are supposed to do...that is, to keep crimes at bay. Hence, I repeat, 999 is FOR EMERGENCIES.

Imho, the members of a noisy household, while irritating, may not commit a crime per se.

You may of course, disagree with me, and that's fine. But Im just telling you what I know and what police officers have told me.

U are right. This should not be under the purview of police. The police should be reserved for other more

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critical matters. They are definitely short handed. Police will try their best to solve on that night, but they will not follow up.

It is also not the fault of the HDB officer, because he is right too, they knock off at 5.30pm. So if we call at 11pm, their office is closed. That is why it becomes police responsibility, which should not be the case.

HDB does have a department where u can call after office hours to look into such matters. I called before. Guess what? They came, and then they observe their unit and left. When i follow up, they said their responsibility is to check if there is any reno works done after office hours. Anything noise that is not due to reno, it is outside their job responsibility. They are also not wrong, because this responsibility boundary demarcation for their department must have been drawn up by HDB board.

Whose fault? Mr Mah's.

Recently i think they are looking into this issue. HDB going to form a department to look into all these matters and enact a law to compel the offending party to mediation session.

U say wait till next day. That means whole night we can't sleep. I know it is unreasonable to call mata. But Is this reasonable to us?

And i not sure how to gather evidence. The banging and thumping is within the unit. We got no right to enter their unit with a video cam. And how to record the noise?

If we are suay to have uncivilised neighbour, they will make our live miserable. Those who are not suay enough to have such neighbour will never understand.