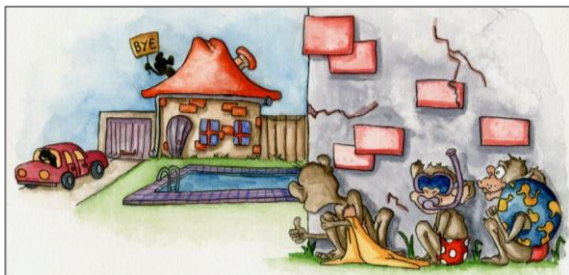


## Gibraltar's Barbary Macaques (also known as Monkeys and Rock Apes) may visit this area.

*Please follow these guidelines so that the macaques do not become a problem for your community:*

### Don't let your area become attractive to the monkeys:

- **Keep your windows closed when monkeys are in the area.** If you need a window open for ventilation, please lock it in such a way that it cannot be opened more than 10cm/4". Windows need to be locked because the monkeys are very intelligent and can easily open unlocked windows.
- **Don't feed the monkeys.** It's illegal in Gibraltar, and you could be fined. The monkeys have plenty of food within the Upper Rock Nature Reserve; they do not need extra food and can become obese.
- **If you see someone feeding monkeys please report it to the police.**
- **If you have a swimming pool make sure it always has adequate chorine levels.** Monkey love to swim but will avoid chlorinated pools. Chlorine irritates their eyes and tastes bad.
- **Avoid growing food plants as the monkeys will come and eat them.** If you must grow food plants, please protect them with a very strong frame cover (no flimsy materials) - remember that these are intelligent animals and they will try to break in to get the plants.



## **If you do have monkeys in your area, here are some things you can do:**

- Monkeys hate being sprayed with water. If you have a hosepipe, try spraying them with it. Or you can try using a spray bottle, or a water pistol. You should only use water to spray them; other liquids might harm the monkeys and also damage property.
  - Wave a stick (walking stick, broom, etc) or point one at the monkey; it will know it's a weapon. Don't try to hit the monkey, just threaten it. It may threaten back but just continue to point the stick. It can help to shout at the monkey at the same time and it's especially effective if you always use the same stick so that monkey learns that it's a weapon.
  - When monkeys are in the area make sure that you and your children don't go outside carrying or eating food openly; the monkeys may try to snatch it. Monkeys like the same snack food as humans; they can easily recognise crisp packets, chocolate bars, ice creams etc.
  - When a monkey is causing a problem please report it so that the Macaque Team can assess the situation.
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### **To have Macaque Team called out:**

Contact the police on (+350) 20072500 or 199 if it's an emergency. They will redirect your call to the Macaque Team or pass on a message,

**or**

Contact the Environment Dept on (+350) 20065964 who will contact the team.

The Macaque Team will not visit you in person during a callout unless requested to do so because they will be concentrating on moving the animals.

### **To report illegal feeding:**

Contact the police on (+350) 20072500. Make sure they understand that you want to report a feeding incident, and **not** that you need the Macaque Team to be called out. Only the police can issue cautions or fines.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**