

### **Description**

This leaflet is designed to help you understand and control slugs and snails.

Although slugs and snails do not carry disease, they can be a nuisance when found in the home.

### **Where can you find them?**

They occur naturally throughout Britain, and are mostly found outdoors. They do however occasionally make their way inside and can be found in damp rooms (cellars etc) or kitchen areas. This normally occurs after being brought in on vegetables which may contain unnoticed slugs or snails.

### **Are they a problem?**

Although they are very unwelcome pests, they are completely harmless to humans.

### **How to control them**

If the slugs or snails are causing a problem in a garden or outside area, we suggest that you contact your nearest gardening centre for advice. There are a range of slug and snail control products on the market and the advice of a professional gardener should be sought.

If slugs or snails are regularly being seen in the home, some relief may be gained by clearing outside vegetation and debris from near to indoor access points. If appropriate, slug pellets may also be applied in the immediate area to discourage entry.

It may also be advisable to check any vegetable purchase for the presence of pests prior to adding them to your stored domestic food.

### **Pesticides**

When purchasing a pesticide, ensure that it will treat slugs or snails.

There are a number of different products available for the control of these pests. However, due to the insignificance of slugs and snails in terms of "risk to health", we recommend that pesticide treatments are used only as a "last resort" measure.

### **Safety**

Always take great care when using pesticide.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Do not place pesticide where children or pets can come into contact with it.

Wash hands after use.

Eastbourne Borough Council Pest Control Team cannot offer a service for the treatment of slugs or snails.

For advice and leaflets on a wide range of household and garden pests, visit our website at [www.eastbourne.gov.uk/pestcontrol](http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/pestcontrol)