

Safety and health concerns about Bukit Batok market

I WRITE to highlight a safety issue and public health threat at the HDB market in Bukit Batok East Avenue 4, Blocks 274 and 276 (part of Bukit Batok Eastpoint).

Stallholders at these blocks put their wares out in the passage (five-foot way) meant for pedestrians. It is especially bad at Block 276 where more aggressive stallholders occupy almost half the passage. This makes it difficult for people to walk, especially on weekends when it is crowded. This congestion is not only inconvenient for shoppers, it is also dangerous. In an emergency, it will be an added obstacle, preventing people from moving quickly.

The other threat to public health here is the dirty public toilets. Everything is in a deplorable state - filthy doors and walls, broken seats, non-functioning taps and, worst of all, no toilet paper or soap. I shudder to think what the stallholders who handle food all the time do when they visit the toilets.

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