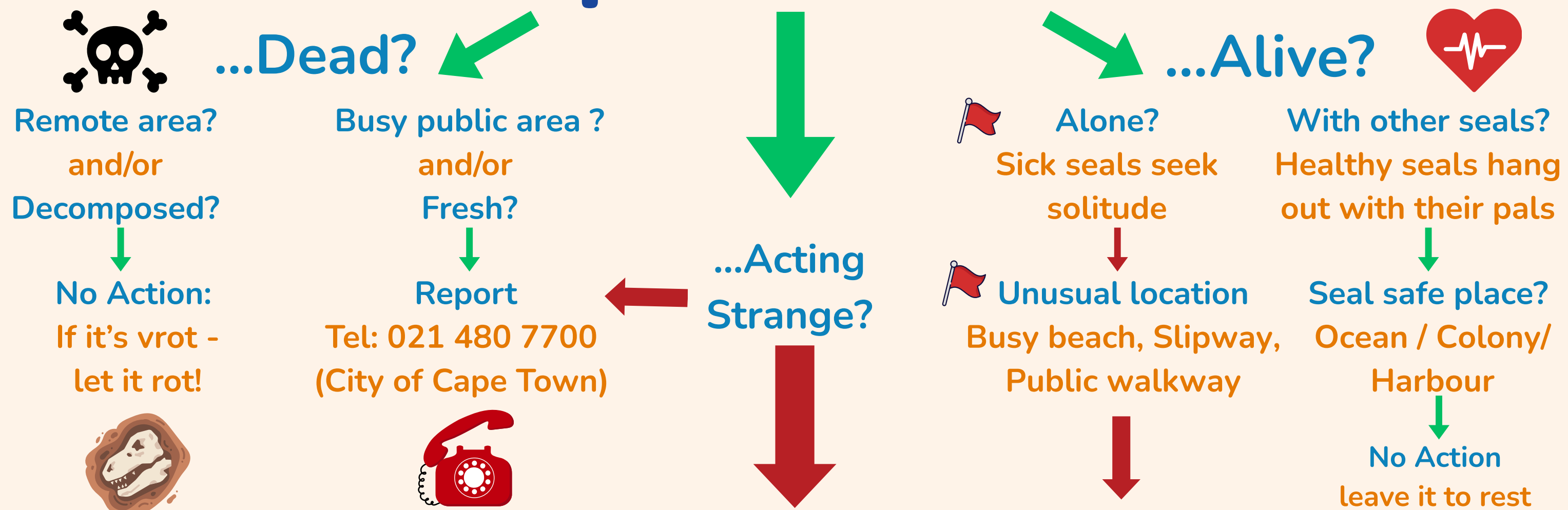


# Rabies in seals - Know the signs

## Spot a Seal...

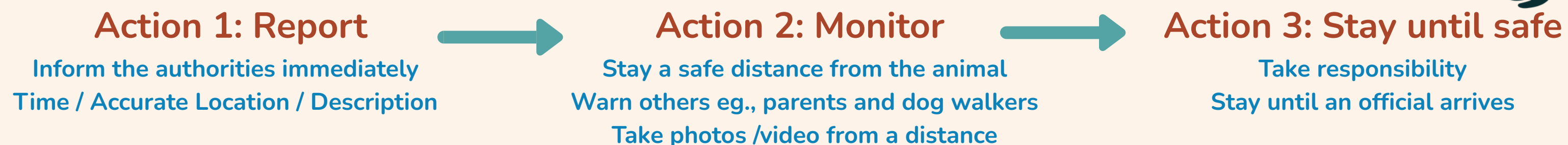


| In the water                                                                                                                                                                                           | Appearance                                                                                                                                                                                                            | On approach                                                                                                                                                                                                           | On shore                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | At the colony                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Away from colony</li> <li>Repeated leaps</li> <li>Fast swimming</li> <li>Continuous biting</li> <li>Unusual swimming</li> <li>Overly buoyant / still</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthy size / fat</li> <li>Any age / Both sexes</li> <li>Red eyes / Mouth foam</li> <li>Head / jaw injuries</li> <li>Paralysis (hind)</li> <li>Difficult breathing</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Triggered by sound / movement</li> <li>Excessive / unusual barking</li> <li>Attacking object</li> <li>Charging towards</li> <li>Hyper aggressive</li> <li>Un-afriad</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thrashing head side to side</li> <li>Biting/shaking objects/kelp</li> <li>Heaving / humping</li> <li>Wobbly / star-gazing</li> <li>Restless / uncomfortable</li> <li>Chasing birds / fighting dogs</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extreme aggression</li> <li>Chasing others</li> <li>Starting fights</li> <li>Attacking pups</li> <li>Bite wounds</li> <li>Left alone / isolated</li> </ul> |

Very sick seals are disorientated, stressed & unpredictable!

**At death**

- Weak / Seizures / Gurgling / Comatose / Unresponsive



**Rabies transmits in SALIVA**

**Bitten?  
Scratched?**

**See a Health Professional  
STRAIGHT AWAY**

**Tell them  
what  
happened**

**Wash wound for 15 minutes with soapy water**

