#### JOINT YEAR-END SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ADVISORY

# STAY SAFE BY FOLLOWING THESE TIPS









## STAY AWAY FROM CRIME

#### **CHEATING**

### Cheating is a crime.

Youths have been investigated for their involvement as money mules for quick cash. Your bank and Singpass accounts are for your own use only.

If your bank or Singpass accounts are found to be used for criminal activities, you may face stiff penalties including detention in the reformative training centre for at least 6 months or a prison term starting from 6 to 18 months.

## CORROSIVE AND EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES AND OFFENSIVE WEAPONS ACT

It is an offence to be in possession of any weapon such as knives without any lawful purpose.

Do not attempt to buy them online as it is still an offence and you will be caught.

Offenders found guilty of carrying a weapon in a public place without a good reason, shall be punished with up to 3 years in jail and at least 6 strokes of caning.

#### **DISTRIBUTING INTIMATE IMAGES**

## Do not share intimate images or recordings online.

If you receive such images or recordings, delete them and do not forward further. Sharing such images or recordings can cause great harm to the victim and is also an offence. Report to the police if you are aware of such images or recordings being circulated. Think before you act. Committing the act of distributing or threatening to distribute intimate images is a serious crime.



Offenders shall be punished with up to 5 years in jail, and shall also be liable to fine or to caning.

#### RIOTING

## Exercise self-control and do not resort to violence.

Rioting is a crime which could result in severe injuries for all those involved, even yourself, your friends and school mates.

Offenders shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 7 years and shall also be liable to caning.

#### **SHOP THEFT**

## Shop Theft is an offence.

Always pay for your items before you leave the store. Even if you manage to leave the shop without getting caught, with CCTV cameras in the store, you will still be caught.

Offenders shall be punished with imprisonment for up to 7 years and shall also be liable to fine.

## YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A VICTIM OF CRIME

## Always take care of your personal belongings.

Do not leave your items and valuables unattended even for a short while.



## If you have been a victim or know anyone who has been a victim of crime,

do not hesitate to tell a family member or your teachers and make a police report as soon as possible.

## Be aware of your surroundings.

And be attentive to any suspicious persons.



## **ACT TO SAFEGUARD YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES FROM SCAMS**

#### WATCH OUT FOR THESE SCAMS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

#### Job Scam

Be cautious of jobs that promise high pay with minimum effort. Do not pay money to secure a job as no legitimate job will ask you to make upfront payments.

#### **E-commerce Scam**

Be wary of making payments before delivery of goods or services. Do not download unknown applications for online purchases as it may contain malware, which could allow scammers to access your personal and banking information. Only download from official app stores.

### **Phishing Scam**

Be careful of emails and texts asking you to click on unknown links as it could contain malware or lead to disclosure of your personal and banking details.

## **DID YOU KNOW**

In first half of 2024, more than 1,800 youths were victims of scams, and over 150 youths were arrested for their involvement in money mule activities.

Always be mindful about what you do as you may be committing a criminal offence. Remember, our bank and Singpass accounts are for our own use only. Do not fall for the scammers' trap! It may be a crime if you share them with others.

Research suggests that one of the best ways to overcome scammers' tactics is to stop and check before making any decisions. **Did you know that there are now easy ways to check if something is a scam?** 

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## **CHECK WITH THE SCAMSHIELD SUITE!**

## **Enhanced ScamShield App**

Check and verify the legitimacy of suspicious messages, phone numbers and website links received through WhatsApp, Telegram, SMS, phone calls or any other channels.

## **ScamShield Alert**

Join the ScamShield Alert social channels to receive the latest news on scams.

## **ScamShield Portal**

The one-stop portal on scams. Providing you with the latest information on scams and antiscam resources. There is also an online chat for you to check if something may be a scam.

## **SCAMSHIELD HELPLINE (1799)**

Call the ScamShield helpline to check if the situation you are facing is a scam.

Available 24/7.



## BLOCK SCAM CALLS, DETECT SCAM SMSES AND REPORT SCAMS VIA THE SCAMSHIELD APP



Download the ScamShield App

Scan here



#### For more scam resources

Scan here or visit
www.go.gov.sg/spf-scamresources



## **DRUG AND INHALANT ABUSE SITUATION**

## 1. The possession, consumption and trafficking of controlled drugs are serious offences.

Drug abuse causes harm to your body and mind. Do not let drugs harm you, your family and loved ones.

## 2. Stay away from drug and inhalant abuse.

Walk away if anyone tries to offer you drugs and do inform your family members or school staff immediately.



## 3. Always exercise caution on the Internet and social media

as there may be much misinformation about drugs.



# 4. Do not get involved in online drug activities or attempt to buy drugs online.

CNB monitors and investigates online drug activities.



## 5. Stay away from drugs even when you are overseas.

Under the Misuse of Drugs Act, you will be liable for the same drug consumption offence regardless of where the controlled drugs were consumed.

## 6. Beware of food and products containing controlled drugs.

If in doubt, do not consume or purchase the item.



## **REAL-LIFE STORIES**



## THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS EASY MONEY





#### **OUR HELPLINES**

#### **CRIME PREVENTION**

Call the Police hotline at **1800 255 000** or submit information online at **www.police.gov.sg/iwitness** 

## '999' is for emergencies only.

Please dial if you require urgent Police assistance.

For more information, visit: www.police.gov.sg, www.ncpc.org.sg or SPF Facebook.



## RESOURCES ON CRIME PREVENTION AND STAYING DRUG-FREE

You may scan the QR Code for more details.









## **ADVISORY FOR PARENTS ON**



## **VAPING IS ILLEGAL IN SINGAPORE**



No possessing, buying or using e-cigarettes

Fined up to \$2,000



No selling or importing e-cigarettes

Fined up to \$10,000 or/and 6 months imprisonment

## **VAPING IS HARMFUL**



Vapes contain cancercausing substances such as formaldehyde and nicotine, a drug found in cigarettes.



Studies have shown that individuals who vape are more likely to pick up cigarette smoking later in life.

## **VAPING DEVICES ARE NOT EASY TO RECOGNISE**

It comes in a variety of shapes and sizes. Making it easier for children to hide.



Some resembling everyday items like USB flash drives and pens.

## WHAT CAN I DO AS A PARENT?

Be a good role model. Do not vape or smoke.

Talk to your child about the harmful effects of smoking and vaping.

Parent to dispose any e-vaporiser and accessories if your child possesses it.

FOR SUPPORT ON QUITTING

ADDITIONAL RESOURCE FOR PARENTS

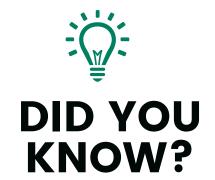


1800 438 2000









Scams-related offences are typically committed by sophisticated organised criminal groups based overseas.

Their operations make use of offenders based in Singapore who hand over their bank account details or Singpass credentials.

Syndicate members then use the information to commit scams and launder scam proceeds.

To combat the growing number of scams, new offences were introduced in 2023 to deter persons in Singapore who hand over their bank account details or Singapss credentials.

# THE SENTENCING ADVISORY PANEL'S GUIDELINES FOR SCAMS-RELATED OFFENCES:

Provide clarity on how these new offences should be sentenced.

Recommend that <u>significant</u> <u>imprisonment sentences</u> be the norm, to reflect the devastating impact on scam victims, <u>even</u> <u>for young offenders.</u>

# SENTENCING OPTIONS FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS

- To send a strong deterrent signal, probation and community-based sentences are not recommended.
- Imprisonment and reformative training should be considered instead, even for young offenders.

## FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS BELOW 16 YEARS OLD

Under the Children and Young Persons Act, they may face:

- O Probation between 6 months and 3 years;
- Detention in the Juvenile
  ORehabilitation Centre for up
  to 3 years; or
- Detention in the Boys/Girls'
  Home for up to 6 months

## FOR YOUTH OFFENDERS 16 TO 21 YEARS OLD

The Sentencing Guidelines recommend:

- O Detention in the reformative training centre for at least 6 months; or
- O Prison term starting from 6 to 18 months