JOINT ADVISORY MID-YEAR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

STAY SAFE BY FOLLOWING THESE TIPS









STAY AWAY FROM CRIME

CHEATING

Cheating is a crime.

Youths have been investigated due to their involvement as money mules for quick cash.
Your payment accounts, like bank accounts and Singpass account are for your own use only.

Whoever cheats shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 3 years, or with fine, or with both.



CORROSIVE AND EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES AND OFFENSIVE WEAPONS ACT (CESOW)

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

Do not attempt to even buy them online as you will still be caught.

Any person who in public has in his possession or under his control any offensive weapon other than for a lawful purpose shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years and be punished with caning of at least 6 strokes.

RIOTING

Control your emotions and words. Do not resort to violence.

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

Whoever is guilty of rioting 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.

You may not be caught immediately but with the CCTV cameras around the shop, you will be identified eventually.

Offenders found guilty may 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

Beware of advertisements

featuring sales of items that seem too good to be true, or require you to download unknown applications to proceed with purchases.



Beware of your suroundings

and be alert to suspicious persons.



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

do not hesitate to tell a trusted adult and make a police report as soon as possible.



Take care of your personal belongings.

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



ACT TO SAFEGUARD YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES FROM SCAMS

WHY DO YOUTHS FALL FOR SCAMS?

1. Regular exposure

As digital natives, you are always online, whether for shopping, banking, or communicating. Being online all the time also increases your exposure to online dangers, including scams. You can fall prey when you are not alert to these dangers.

2. Overconfidence

You may not be fully aware of online dangers. Overconfidence in navigating the online space and a 'it won't happen to me' mindset will lead to you falling prey to scammers.

3. Anyone, including youths can fall prey to scams

We urge you to remain vigilant and take actions/protective measures to stay safe against scams.

TOP SCAMS YOUTHS FELL FOR

E-commerce Scam

Scammers advertise goods and services for sale online but do not deliver after victims made payments. Scammers may also trick victims to download malware onto their phones, allowing scammers access to their personal and banking information.

Job Scam

Scammers advertise jobs promising high commissions for little effort. They seek upfront payments from victims as part of the job but disappear with victims' money subsequently. There is no such thing as easy money.

Phishing Scam

Scammers will try to contact victims via mediums such as email, text message or call to deceive them into clicking a malicious link, disclosing usernames, passwords, credit card details, and other personal information. It may also contain malware.

In 2023, more than 2,000 youths were victims of scams, and more than 250 youths were arrested for their involvement in money mule activities.

Remember, our bank and Singpass accounts are for our own use only. It may be a crime if you share them with others.



ACT NOW TO INCREASE YOUR PROTECTION AGAINST SCAMS

ADD

ScamShield App and security features.



CHECK

For scam signs and with official sources.



TELL

Authorities, family and friends about scams.



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





Scan to read.





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

The following provides more information on crime prevention and staying drug-free:

- Call the Police or the CNB hotline at 1800 325 6666 to report suspected drug and inhalant abuse.
- For more information on the harms of drug and inhalant abuse, visit: www.cnb.gov.sg

For anyone who wishes to seek help with addictionrelated matters, please call the National Addictions Management Service (NAMS) at **6732 6837**





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 \$20,000 or/and 12 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.

Communicate openly with your child on 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





