

## Housing Channel - HA Combat Tenancy Abuse Campaign

### Title : Illegal letting of Public Rental Housing Flats is liable to prosecution - Episode 4

- Super Combat Abuse of Public Rental Housing
- Super Illegal letting of Public Rental Housing Flats is liable to prosecution
- Super Based on Real Cases
- VO The flat layout, including the positions of bathroom and kitchen locations are all exactly the same.
- VO The view outside the window is also the same. It must be a public rental housing (PRH) unit in Happy Estate.
- VO The environment here is great, with complete facilities nearby and convenient transportation!
- VO Aren't you afraid of being caught for letting a PRH flat?
- VO No. This flat is rented by my grandfather who has moved back to his hometown. Since we won't sign a tenancy agreement, if I don't say anything and you don't either, who will know?
- VO Alright then, count it.
- VO Just keep a low profile and don't make any noise, there won't be any issues.
- VO I'm an officer from Housing Department. I suspect that you are letting this PRH flat, violating the Housing Ordinance. I am now giving you a caution and you are not obliged to say anything unless...
- VO Violation of the Housing Ordinance
- VO Under the Housing (Amendment) Ordinance 2025, starting from 31 March 2026, letting, renting or assisting in the letting of PRH flats is regarded as a criminal offence and is liable to prosecution.
- Super Starting from 31 March 2026, subletting or assisting in the subletting of PRH flats for benefit, and renting illegally sublet PRH flats, are regarded as "serious tenancy abuse" and constitute a criminal offence.
- Super Upon conviction, the maximum penalty is a fine of HK\$500,000 and imprisonment for one year.
- VO If convicted, there is a possibility of imprisonment and a fine.
- VO If you notice any abuse of PRH flat, please report it immediately.
- Super Ways to Report:  
Hotline: 2712 2712  
Inform Estate Office  
Hong Kong Housing Authority/Housing Department Website:  
[www.housingauthority.gov.hk](http://www.housingauthority.gov.hk)  
Send in the Tenancy Abuse Report Aerogramme  
All information will be kept strictly confidential