

Housing Channel

Title: Combat Tenancy Abuse

Male Tenant	As big brother's family has moved out this public housing flat is so spacious why don't I use it as a warehouse for business or rent it out?
VO	No way!
Presenter	Public housing is a precious social resource It should be fairly and rationally allocated to people with genuine housing need Tenancy abuses will not be tolerated Host: Shek Sau
Presenter	So, what constitutes tenancy abuses?
Super	1. Non-occupation
Female neighbour	Haven't seen this family around for months
Male neighbour	Seems there's no one living here for a long time
Super	2. Sub-letting a public housing flat or taking in people not registered in the tenancy irrespective of any benefit received
Female kin	So I'll move in next month Since we're kin, must I pay rent?
Female tenant	It's no big deal!
Super	3. Operating illegal activities in the flat e.g. keeping drugs, illicit cigarettes, etc.

Male Tenant 2 cartons of menthol and 2 extra mild
OK, I'll deliver them to you shortly

VO 4. Using the flat for non-domestic purposes
e.g. as business premises, workshop or warehouse

Male Tenant See, it's only \$80 more for oil treatment
Value for money, isn't it?

VO 5. False declaration of income, assets
marital status or household particulars

Female Tenant Hubby, it's time for income declaration
Our son now earns over \$20K a month and owns a
property
Shall we declare all these?

Male Tenant Of course not, just fill in \$10K or so
Otherwise, we need to pay extra rent

Super 1. Non-occupation
2. Sub-letting (irrespective of any benefit received)
3. Operating illegal activities
4. Non-domestic usage
5. False declaration of information

Presenter The Housing Department will conduct
random check on public rental households
and investigate suspicious cases in depth

If you're aware of any suspected tenancy abuse
please report it immediately

There are many ways to report tenancy abuse

Super Ways to report Tenancy Abuses
Call the Housing Authority Hotline: 2712 2712
Send in the Tenancy Abuse Report Aerogramme
Submit an online form: www.housingauthority.gov.hk
Contact estate staff

VO	All information provided will be kept confidential!
Presenter	Tenants proven of breaching the tenancy agreement or knowingly making false statements and violating the Housing Ordinance will have their public housing flat taken back They may even be fined or imprisoned
Super months	Maximum fine of HK\$50,000 and imprisonment for 6
Presenter	We must stop tenancy abuse so that those with genuine housing need can be allocated public housing flats more quickly