

Housing Channel Video

Prevent Objects Falling from a Height

Super:

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Kwan Lai-kit:

Throwing and falling objects from a height frequently happen in public housing estates endanger residents
Housing Department is very concerned about such incidents
We have allocated resources to curb acts of throwing objects from a height and to prevent objects from falling accidentally

Super:

Host: Kwan Lai-kit

MVO:

Housing Department has installed surveillance systems at estates to ensure 24-hour monitoring of the throwing and falling of objects from a height
A special squad has also been deployed to the estates in turns to help monitor and probe into such cases

Kwan Lai-kit:

Many residents place various objects on their balcony or window sills

MVO:

such as mops, brooms, potted plants and kitchen utensils
Some even hang sundries on their laundry rack or air laundry on the window frame at balcony

Kwan Lai-kit:

These objects are prone to fall down
Most of the time falling objects are the result of residents' negligence
Though unintentional

the consequences can be serious

MVO:

It will hurt neighbours, friends and relatives
and the offender will be punished heavily
To prevent objects falling accidentally
staff of Housing Department and estate management
will urge residents to keep their balcony
and window sills clear of dangling or stacked objects
They will also step up patrols
to remove objects left in the corridor
to avoid them being thrown from a height
Obstructing corridors or stairs with sundry items
will be allotted 5 penalty points

Kwan Lai-kit:

Everyone should note
even if the objects don't fall
according to the Marking Scheme
putting objects like mops or dripping potted plants
on balconies or outside windows will be allotted 3 penalty points

Super:

Allotment of 3 points

MVO:

Allowing objects to fall down
entails 7 points even if no injury is caused
For serious cases, 15 points will be allotted
The tenancy may also be terminated at once
Offenders may even be prosecuted
and held criminally liable

Super:

Allotment of 7 points
Allotment of 15 points
Termination of tenancy
Prosecuted

Kwan Lai-kit:

All residents should properly organise their household items
to prevent them from falling

Let's caution family members not to throw objects from a height

If everyone is civic-minded

we can enjoy a harmonious and safe living environment