

Housing Channel

Title: Home Safety – Cleaning / Laundry Drying

Son: Mom

Mom: Are you not taking a shower?

Son: I'm going to, but talking about home cleaning safety, I want to remind you that when cleaning windows...

Mom: I know. I should not lean out of the window, right?

Son: That is for sure.

Also, make sure not to grasp the window sashes for support.

If you have to clean the windows at height, do get a proper ladder, and stand steady on it before cleaning. You should also close the window grilles first, and use appropriate window cleaning tools.

Having said that, you better leave the task to me; cleaning items at height should be done by us youngsters.

Mom: Good boy. By the way, if you find any loosened window hinges or window frames, or any cracks on the window panes, get a repairer to check on it immediately.

Son: Of course, we should also apply appropriate lubricant to the window hinges regularly. If any problems are found, we should arrange inspection and repair or replace the parts immediately.

Mom: Smart boy. Then I'll leave it to you. Take a shower after cleaning the window. I'll make dinner.

Mom: You're done? And washed your clothes

Son: Yes, only a few pieces. I don't want to use the washing machine so I washed them by myself. Look, I've washed my sneakers too.

Mom: Wait.

Son: What?

Mom: Where do you want to hang the shoes?

Son: On the laundry rack, of course.

Mom: Son, the laundry rack should not be used for hanging shoes or any sundries items.
What if they fall off?

And, you haven't wrung the clothes out. See, they keep dripping. We may be given penalty points.

Son: Yes, I remember.

According to the Housing Department's Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement:

Hanging dripping objects or clothes at window will be allotted 3 penalty points;

Causing objects to fall from height will be allotted 7 penalty points;

If the dropped objects have caused personal injury, the responsible tenant will be allotted 15 penalty points.

When a tenant has accrued 16 penalty points, his/her tenancy is liable to termination.

Mom: That's correct.

See, your clothes are still dripping; let me show you how to do laundry drying.

Son: Okay.

Captions:

Don't use the window sashes for support

Use appropriate window cleaning tools

Use a proper ladder

Deal with defects immediately

Hanging dripping object : 3 penalty points

Causing an object falls down from height : 7 penalty points

Falling object causes personal injury : 15 penalty points

Having accrued 16 penalty points : Tenancy is liable to termination.