

JOINT MID-YEAR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ADVISORY

Stay safe during the school holidays by following these tips.

Stay away from Crime

Shop Theft

Shop Theft is a serious offence. Always pay for your items before leaving the store. CCTV cameras will catch you even if you manage to walk out of the store with the stolen item. From the CCTV footages, the police will identify the suspects.



Offenders found guilty may be punished with imprisonment for up to 7 years and shall also be liable to fine.

Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act (CESOW)

It is an offence to be in possession of any weapon such as flick knife, knuckle duster, etc without any lawful purpose. Do not even attempt to buy them online as it is still a crime and you will be caught. You can even be caned for this serious offence.



Offenders found guilty of carrying a weapon in a public place without a good reason, shall be punished with up to 3 years in jail and at least 6 strokes of caning.

Cheating

Cheating is a crime. Youths have been charged for these offences 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**.



If your bank or Singpass accounts are found to be used for criminal activities, you may face stiff penalties including detention in the reformatory training centre for at least 6 months or a prison term starting from 6 to 18 months.

Rioting

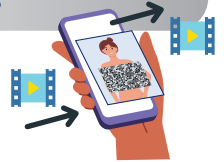
Exercise self-control and do not resort to violence. Rioting is a serious crime which could result in severe injuries to all those involved, even yourself, your friends and school mates.



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.

Distributing Intimate Images

Do not share any intimate images or recordings online. If you receive such images or recordings, delete them immediately and do not forward. Sharing such images or recordings can cause serious harm to the victim and is also an offence.



Report to the police, your teachers or family members if you are aware of such images or recordings being circulated.

Think before you act. Committing the act of distributing or threatening to distribute intimate images is a serious crime.



Offenders found guilty shall be punished with up to 5 years in jail and shall also be liable to fine or to caning.

Peeping Tom

Peeping Tom behaviour, including taking upskirt photos or videos a serious crime which can cause lasting psychological trauma to victims.



Recording any private acts/ body parts is a serious crime – even if someone says “yes”, it is still a crime.



Offenders found guilty shall be punished with up to 2 years in jail and shall also be liable to fine or to caning.

You do not need to be a victim of crime



Always take care of your personal belongings. Do not leave your items and valuables unattended even for a short while.



If you have been a victim or know anyone who has been a victim of crime, do not hesitate to tell a family member or your teachers and do make a police report as soon as possible.



Be aware of your surroundings and be attentive to any suspicious persons.

Don't fall victim to scams this holiday!

Watch out for the common scams that affect youths!



E-commerce Scam

Check that the seller is legitimate before making an online purchase. Avoid paying in advance and only make payments using the platforms' secure payment options.

If you are asked to download an application to make payment, make sure you only download from official app stores.



Job Scam

It is a scam if a job requires you to make upfront payments to secure a job or requires you to use your bank account/s as part of the job.



Phishing Scam

If you receive an email from an unexpected sender asking for personal or banking information, don't click on any links within the email as they are designed to steal your personal information and/or harm your device. Report the email and block the sender.



Scam Mules

Never share the use of your bank account, Singpass and/or SIM cards with others. It is an offence and you can face up to 10 years in jail, be fined up to \$500,000 and up to 12 strokes of the cane.



In 2025, more than 200 youth offenders aged 13 to 17 years old were involved in scams. Be vigilant and do not be a scam mule!



The ScamShield Suite provides 4 ways to protect yourself against scams

- **ScamShield Helpline** – Call **1799** to check if something is a scam.
- **ScamShield App** – Download to check, detect and block scams.
- **ScamShield Website** – Visit scamshield.gov.sg to learn more about scams.
- **ScamShield Alert Social Channel** – Join the Whatsapp Channel to receive the latest scam trends that you can also share with your family and friends



ADD ScamShield app and security features (e.g., 2-Factor Authentication, Anti-virus apps) to your devices and banking accounts.



CHECK for scam signs with the ScamShield Suite. Call the 24/7 ScamShield Helpline at 1799 if you are unsure if something is a scam.



TELL family, friends and authorities about scams so everyone can be well prepared against scams.

Stay away from Drug and Inhalant Abuse

Exercise caution on the internet and social media



The internet and social media may carry misinformation about drugs and mislead people into thinking that drugs are not harmful and that they are legal, in order to create demand for the drugs and profit off drug abusers. Always think critically about what you see online.

Do not engage in online drug activities



CNB monitors and investigates online drug activities and will not hesitate to take action against those who order drugs or drug paraphernalia online, have drugs delivered by post or courier, and those who are involved in any illegal drug activities.

Maintain your drug-free lifestyle even when you are overseas



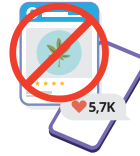
Under the Misuse of Drugs Act, you will be liable for the same drug consumption offence regardless of where the controlled drugs were consumed. CNB conducts regular enforcement checks at the air, land and sea checkpoints. Remember that cannabis is harmful, even as it is legalised or decriminalised in some countries.

Be cautious of food and products containing controlled drugs



Exercise vigilance when consuming food products overseas, as some may be laced with drugs such as cannabis. When uncertain about any product's contents or sources, do not consume or purchase it.

Facilitating or promoting drug abuse is illegal, even if you do not abuse drugs yourself.



Do not share information about drug-related activities, organise drug-related gatherings, or enable others' drug consumption in any way. Even seemingly minor involvement can result in legal consequences.

Reflect on how your choices might affect yourself and your loved ones.



Do not allow yourself to be pressured into trying drugs or drug-related activities. Walk away if anyone tries to offer you drugs and inform your family members or school staff immediately. Consider your future and the disappointment, worry, and pain that your parents, family, and friends would have to experience.

Real life stories



Story 1
One Dare, Many Consequences



Story 2
Easy Money? Think Again

Our Helplines

Crime Prevention



Call the Police hotline at **1800 255 0000**


or submit information online at www.police.gov.sg/iwitness

'999' is for emergencies only. Please call only if you require urgent Police assistance.

For more information, visit:

 www.police.gov.sg

 [singaporepoliceforce](https://www.facebook.com/singaporepoliceforce)

 www.ncpc.org.sg

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 for addiction-related matters, please contact the National Mindline at **1771**.



We want to hear from you!

Scan the QR code to share your feedback and suggest topics for the upcoming crime prevention advisories.



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