

Public consultation on proposed updates to safety standards for toys and children's products launched

The Government launched a public consultation today (December 1) on the proposed adoption of up-to-date safety standards promulgated by the relevant standards institutions for toys and some children's products listed in Schedule 2 (Schedule 2 products) under the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Cap 424).

The Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance stipulates that a person must not manufacture, import or supply a toy or Schedule 2 product unless it complies with all the applicable requirements contained in any one of the safety standards specified in Schedules 1 and 2 respectively to the Ordinance. The standards specified are international standards or standards adopted by major economies. The Government keeps in view updates to the standards so as to apply up-to-date and operative versions to products supplied in Hong Kong.

As the safety standards specified for toys and for eight classes of Schedule 2 products, namely (i) "babies' dummies", (ii) "baby walking frames", (iii) "child safety barriers for domestic use", (iv) "children's cots for domestic use", (v) "children's high chairs and multi-purpose high chairs for domestic use", (vi) "children's paints", (vii) "playpens for domestic use" and (viii) "wheeled child conveyances", have been updated, the Government proposes to adopt the up-to-date versions of those safety standards. Details of the proposal are set out in a consultation note available on the website of the Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau at www.cedb.gov.hk/citb.

Members of the public are welcome to send their views on the proposal in writing to the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau at 23/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong, or by email to tcpso_standards_updates@cedb.gov.hk, on or before December 31, 2019.

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Sha Tin

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting today (December 1).

The arrangements will come into effect two hours before the start of the

first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up and police will be on hand to guide motorists.

The Police also appeal to people going to Sha Tin Racecourse for the race meeting and to Happy Valley Racecourse for cross betting to make maximum use of public transport.

Parking spaces at the two racecourses are available only to holders of appropriate permits issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club and any vehicles illegally parked will be towed away.

Occupational safety and health courses open for applications

The Kwun Tong Occupational Safety and Health Centre of the Labour Department (LD) will launch a wide range of occupational safety and health courses in the first half of 2020. The courses aim at enhancing the working population's understanding of the occupational safety regulations, and their awareness of occupational health.

The courses cover a wide range of topics, including:

1. Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance and Regulations
2. Confined Spaces Regulations
3. Major Safety Regulations Related to Working in Catering Trade
4. Dangerous Substances Regulations
5. Safety Management Regulation
6. Safety Regulations on Manual Handling Operations
7. Regulations Related to Safety in Hotel Industry
8. A Brief Introduction to the Regulation on Display Screen Equipment
9. Office Workstation Setup
10. Air Monitoring in the Workplaces
11. Lighting Assessment in the Workplaces
12. Chemicals and Occupational Health in Hotel Industry
13. Strategies for the Prevention of Occupational Diseases
14. Gas Poisoning in Manholes
15. Occupational Health in Catering Industry
16. Chemicals and Occupational Health
17. Medical Examinations for Workers Engaged in Hazardous Occupations in Industrial Undertakings

18. Manual Handling Operations and Prevention of Back Injuries
19. Occupational Health for Security Guards
20. Health Hazards of Hot Environment at Work
21. Health Hints on the Use of Computer
22. More Exercise, Smart Work
23. Work and Diabetes Mellitus and Hypertension
24. Occupational Health for Office Workers
25. Prevention of Musculoskeletal Disorders for Office Workers
26. Occupational Health for Cleansing Workers
27. Occupational Contact Dermatitis
28. Manual Handling Operations and Prevention of Back Injuries for Workers of Residential Care Home
29. Occupational Health for Professional Drivers
30. Work & Common Gastrointestinal Diseases
31. Prevention of Upper and Lower Limb Disorders
32. Occupational Stress Workshop
33. Work & Healthy Lifestyle
34. First Aid in the Workplaces (including demonstration and practice of bandaging)
35. Safety Regulations on Working in Times of Inclement Weather and Hot Environment
36. Major Safety Regulations Related to Accident Prevention in Office Work

The courses will mainly be conducted in Cantonese at the LD's Occupational Safety and Health Centre, G/F, Kwun Tong Community Health Centre Building, 60 Hip Wo Street, Kwun Tong. Enrolment is free.

Application forms are available at the centre or offices of the Occupational Health Service of the LD. They can also be downloaded from the department's website (www.labour.gov.hk/eng/osh/content6.htm). For enquiries, please call 2361 8240.

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The ambulance service has been part of the Fire Services Department since 1919 and its ambulance technology continues to keep pace with the evolution of technology in hospitals.

In October, the department installed automatic chest compression machines in all ambulances to aid paramedics in the race against time to save lives.

News.gov.hk spoke to the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy's Deputy Commandant (Ambulance Services Training) about the lifesaving technologies, as well as two ambulance personnel with decades of experience who share their

perspectives on how the professional service standard continues to improve.

The story appears on news.gov.hk today (December 1) in text and video format.

Missing man in Ma On Shan has been located by Police

A man who went missing in Ma On Shan was located.

Tam Ho-man, aged 26, went missing after he was last seen on On Chun Street on November 24 afternoon. His family made a report to Police on November 27.

Police located the man at Nam She Au in Sai Kung this morning (December 1).