

# Correctional officer stops person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

A correctional officer stopped a 31-year-old male person in custody attempting suicide by hanging in Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre today (June 18).

At 6.18am today, a correctional officer found the person in custody attempting suicide by hanging with his bedsheet tied to the grille bars of his cell. The officer at the scene immediately called for reinforcement and provided first aid treatment to him. The person in custody was found unconscious at the time and was subsequently sent to a public hospital for further treatment. The case has been reported to the Police.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department uses all possible measures to prevent persons in custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of possession of dangerous drugs in March 2021.