

Correctional officers stop person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

Correctional officers stopped a male person in custody from attempting suicide by hanging in Sha Tsui Correctional Institution today (January 12).

At 2.36am today, a correctional officer found the 16-year-old person in custody attempting suicide by hanging with his upper garment tied to the grille bar of his cell. The officer at the scene immediately called for reinforcement and stopped the act. The person in custody was found conscious. After receiving an examination and treatment, he was sent to a public hospital for further treatment. A clinical psychologist of the department will follow up on the case.

â€‹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 was recalled for breaching a supervision order in December 2021.