

[Hong Kong Customs alerts public on unsafe children's swimwear set \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs today (July 12) alerted members of the public to potential strangulation hazards posed by the cords of one model of children's swimwear set.

Customs officers yesterday seized a total of five sets of children's swimwear from two branches of a retailer. The cords near the neck part of the swimwear set were found to pose a risk of strangulation and violated the requirements of the related standard.

A prohibition notice was served to the retailer concerned, prohibiting the continued sale of the swimwear set.

Customs advises parents to watch out for potential hazards when selecting clothing for their children to avoid accidents.

Customs is committed to the protection of consumer interests and regularly conducts spot checks and safety tests on consumer goods to ensure that they are reasonably safe for use by consumers.

Under the Consumer Goods Safety Ordinance, it is an offence to supply, manufacture or import into Hong Kong consumer goods unless the goods comply with the general safety requirements for consumer goods. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for one year on first conviction, and \$500,000 and imprisonment for two years on subsequent conviction.

Members of the public with information relating to unsafe consumer goods may submit a report via the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

