



JOINT MID-YEAR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ADVISORY

We would like to remind you to stay safe during the school holidays by following these tips.

STAY AWAY FROM CRIME



Shop theft is a crime. You may be arrested. Always pay for your items.



Theft of motor vehicle is a crime. Do not attempt to steal motor vehicles or impersonate someone with a valid license even for a joy ride.



Rioting is a crime, which can lead to serious injuries for you, and others.



Voyeurism is a crime. Do not film others in private spaces such as toilets or take upskirt photos/videos.



Vaping and underage smoking are illegal. Offenders will be reported to the Health Sciences Authority (HSA).

DO NOT 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.



Stay aware of your surroundings and be attentive to any suspicious person.



If you have been a victim or know anyone who has been a victim of sexual crime, do not hesitate to tell a trusted adult and make a police report as soon as possible.

DRUG AND INHALANT ABUSE



The possession, consumption and trafficking of controlled drugs are serious offences.



Stay away from drug and inhalant abuse. Walk away if anyone tries to offer you drugs.



Consuming drugs outside of Singapore, even if the drug is legal in that country is an offence liable for the same punishments imposed upon such offences committed in Singapore.



Always exercise caution on the Internet and social media as there may be much misinformation about drugs.

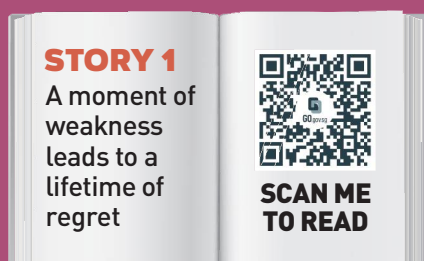


DO NOT get involved in online drug activities or attempt to buy drugs online. CNB monitors and investigates online drug activities.



Beware of food and products containing controlled drugs. If in doubt, do not consume or purchase these items.

REAL LIFE STORIES



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 dial if you require urgent Police assistance.

For more information, visit:
www.police.gov.sg,
SPF Facebook or www.ncpc.org.sg.

DRUGS PREVENTION

For more information on the harms of drug and inhalant abuse, visit the CNB's website at www.cnb.gov.sg.

Please call the Police or the CNB hotline at **1800 325 6666** to report suspected drug and inhalant abuse.

For help with addiction related matters, call the National Addictions Management Service (NAMS) at **6732 6837**.

STAY AWAY FROM CRIME

1. **Shoptheft is a Crime.** Committing shoptheft is a crime which can get you arrested by the police. Always pay for the items before you leave the store. Don't let a moment of folly result in a lifetime of regret.

2. **Theft of Motor Vehicle is a Crime.** Do not even attempt to steal any motor vehicles or impersonate someone with a valid license even if it is for joy rides. These acts are not just illegal but highly dangerous. Driving without a valid license can result in a jail term, fine or both. It can potentially also cause serious harm to yourself and others when involved in accidents.

3. **Vaping at any age, and underaged smoking is illegal.** All e-cigarettes, cigarettes and other types of vaporisers are harmful and can adversely affect your health. Youths who are caught using or possessing such items will be reported to the Health Sciences Authority.

- The purchase, possession and use of e-vaporisers are prohibited in Singapore under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sales) Act. This includes purchases made through the internet and from overseas. Offenders can be fined up to S\$2,000.

4. **Avoid disputes or confrontations, amongst your friends, classmates, and strangers.** Disputes and heated arguments can often lead to fights or assaults that may result in severe injuries for all those involved. Offenders may be arrested for serious offences such as affray, rioting and unlawful assembly. In addition, joining a gang is also a crime.

- The offence of rioting carries an imprisonment term of up to 7 years and caning.
- The offence of affray carries an imprisonment term of up to 1 year, fine or both.
- The offence of unlawful assembly carries an imprisonment of 2 years, a fine or both.

5. **Sexual offences such as penetration, outrage of modesty and voyeurism are serious offences.** Do not film others in the toilets or the shower or take upskirt photos or videos. If you receive voyeuristic or intimate images, do not forward them to anyone else. Delete them after you have reported to the police or a trusted adult if you are aware of such images being circulated. All offenders will be dealt with sternly by the law.

DO NOT BE A VICTIM OF CRIME

6. **Always take care of your personal belongings.** Do not leave your items and valuables unattended even for a short while. Keep them within your sight or ask a friend to watch over them if you need to step away for a moment and always hold onto your bags firmly especially in crowded places.

7. **Stay alert to your surroundings and be attentive to any suspicious persons.** Where possible, arrange for an adult family member or friend to escort you home when returning alone late at night. If you suspect that you are being followed, remain calm and proceed to a crowded area or call the Police immediately on our emergency hotline – 999.

8. **Do not be afraid to speak up.** If you have been a victim of sexual crime, do not hesitate to tell a trusted adult and make a police report. Police will investigate all such cases thoroughly. We encourage you to report such cases early so police can secure evidence.

DRUG AND INHALANT ABUSE

9. **The possession, consumption and trafficking of controlled drugs are serious offences.** In 2022, 119 persons below the age of 20 were arrested for drug abuse and 83 of them were new abusers (figures provided are provisional data). Drug abuse causes harm to your body and mind. Do not let drugs harm you and your family and loved ones.

10. **Stay away from drug and inhalant abuse.** Do not allow yourself to be pressured into trying drugs. Walk away if anyone tries to offer you drugs and do inform your family members or school staff immediately.

11. **Always 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, to create demand for the drugs and profit off drug abusers. Do not attempt to buy drugs online as this also constitutes illegal drug activities.

12. **Do not get involved in online drug activities.** CNB also monitors and investigates online drug activities and will not hesitate to act against those who order drugs or drugs paraphernalia online, have drugs delivered by post or courier, and those who are involved in any illegal drug activities.

13. **Stay away from drugs 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 airport and at the other land and sea checkpoints.

14. **Beware of food and products containing controlled drugs.** In some countries, drugs such as cannabis may be added as ingredients to edibles and sold as food or marketed as “health” products free from controlled drugs. It is an offence to consume, possess or bring in these items without authorisation. If you are travelling to countries where these food and other products containing controlled drugs may be sold, do exercise caution. Do not consume food and beverages from unknown sources. Do not purchase or bring items back to Singapore without checking what they are made of. If in doubt, do not consume or purchase the item.

ACT TODAY TO SAFEGUARD YOUTHS FROM SCAMS

WHY SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED?



- Scams can happen to anyone, including youth.
- Being digital natives, youths are exposed to common scam contact methods such as messaging platforms, social media and online shopping platforms.
- Youths may think they will not fall prey to scams. Hence they may not take measures to protect themselves against scams.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2022, more than 2,000 scam victims between the ages of 10-19 years old have fallen prey to scams.



WHAT ARE THE COMMON SCAMS AFFECTING YOUTHS?



Social Media Impersonation Scam

Scammers impersonate known contacts or friends on social media, and deceive victims into disclosing personal information and banking details.

Scammers will try to contact victims via mediums such as email, text message or call to deceive them into disclosing personal information and banking details.

Phishing Scam



e-Commerce Scam

Scammers advertise goods and services for sale online but do not deliver it after payment is made by their victims.

Scammers advertise jobs promising high salaries for little effort. They seek upfront payments from victims as part of the job but disappear with victims' money subsequently.

Job Scam



HOW CAN WE ACT AGAINST SCAMS?

ADD

ScamShield app and security features

CHECK

 **for scam signs and with official sources**

TELL

authorities, family and friends about scams



Block scam calls, detect scam SMSes and report scams via the ScamShield app

ACT! Learn how to Add, Check, and Tell to protect your family and friends from scams



Scan to find out more!

