

Hong Kong Customs alerts public on unsafe cot mattress (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs today (March 14) alerted members of the public to the potential suffocation and pinching hazards to infants posed by four models of cot mattress.

Customs officers conducted territory-wide spot check operations against unsafe cot mattress in the past two weeks and seized a total of 59 suspected unsafe cot mattresses of the four models from three chain stores and a wholesaler.

Initial investigation revealed that the four models of cot mattresses were suspected to have failed to comply with the relevant safety standards in respect of deficiencies in firmness, durability and dimensions as well as the easiness of tearing off labels, posing risks of suffocation and pinching to infants.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs advises parents to select and purchase cot mattresses with appropriate firmness and dimensions so as to ensure the safety of their infants.

Under the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance, it is an offence to supply, manufacture or import unsafe toys or children's products. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for one year on first conviction, and a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for two years on subsequent conviction.

Members of the public may report information relating to suspected unsafe toys or children's products via Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).



LD launches exhibition on Employment Ordinance and Minimum Wage Ordinance

Members of the public are invited to visit an exhibition on the Employment Ordinance and the Minimum Wage Ordinance organised by the Labour Department in Tuen Mun on March 16 and 17.

The exhibition will feature the main provisions of the Employment Ordinance and the Minimum Wage Ordinance, as well as good human resource management measures, employment rights and benefits for foreign domestic helpers. Related publications and souvenirs will be distributed and promotional videos will be shown.

The exhibition will be held at Sales Venue, 2/F, Leung King Plaza, 31 Tin King Road, Tuen Mun, from 11am to 6pm. Admission is free.

About 7 400 vacancies on offer at Mong Kok Job Expo

The Labour Department (LD) will hold the Mong Kok Job Expo at MacPherson Stadium in Mong Kok on March 18 and 19.

With the theme "Building a Multi-culture Workplace", the expo aims to provide a convenient platform for job seekers, in particular those from ethnic minorities, to explore more employment opportunities; and to promote their awareness of the LD's employment services.

A total of 101 organisations will participate in the two-day expo. Forty-six employers will set up counters and conduct on-the-spot recruitment each day. They mainly come from catering, property management and retail industries, offering about 7 400 vacancies for job seekers of all cultural backgrounds.

In addition, nine training organisations will provide information on training courses for job seekers. Employment services of the LD and job openings that are suitable for people from ethnic minorities will be introduced in a mini-exhibition. Simultaneous interpretation for Hindi, Urdu and Nepali speakers will also be provided.

The vacancies offered by participating employers cover a wide variety of positions including building diagnostic testing helper, laboratory chemist trainee, auto detailing trainee, aircraft maintenance mechanic trainee, clinic assistant, job coach, personal trainer, receptionist, shop assistant, clerk, security guard, driver, storekeeper, technician, cashier, barista, cook and waiter/waitress. Job seekers can find more information on the LD's Interactive Employment Service website (www.jobs.gov.hk).

Around 74 per cent of the vacancies offered in the expo are full-time jobs, and most vacancies offer monthly salaries ranging from \$9,000 to \$18,000. Over 99 per cent of the vacancies require a Secondary Six education level or below. Around 74 per cent are open to job seekers without relevant experience.

Job seekers can submit applications on the spot and may be selected for on-site interviews. They can also make enquiries on the employment programmes and services provided by the LD at its counter at the venue.

The expo will be held from 11am to 5.30pm at MacPherson Stadium, 1/F, 38

Nelson Street, Mong Kok (near Mong Kok MTR Station Exit E2). Admission is free.

Re-opening of Government Secretariat Tender Box

The Government Secretariat Tender Box located at G/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, Tamar, which was previously closed, has been re-opened to receive tenders for the Central Tender Board.

Tenders must be deposited in the tender box as specified in the tender notice (Specified Tender Box) before the specified tender closing time. Late tenders and tenders not deposited in the Specified Tender Box will not be processed.

For enquiries, please call 2810 2401 between 9am and 6pm from Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays).

Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority (HA) is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rate in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

In addition, the weekly bulletin "Surge in Brief" (appended) will be issued every Thursday to illustrate the past month's trends of key service statistics in public hospitals. "Surge in Brief" can be accessed in the HA Winter Surge designated webpage (www.ha.org.hk/goto/wintersurge/en).