

SWD reminds public to remain vigilant against phone scams

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (May 26) reminds members of the public to remain vigilant against phone scams purportedly made by SWD officers.

The SWD has received enquiries from restaurants about phone calls purportedly made by SWD officers who claimed to want to reserve tables or place orders for food items or drinks. The caller would also request that the restaurants assist in ordering goods from other vendors and settle the relevant payments.

The SWD emphasised that its officers would never request members of the public to settle any payments for the department. Members of the public should remain vigilant when receiving suspicious calls, rather than believing the callers hastily.

The SWD has reported the matter to the Police. Anyone receiving a suspected phone scam should immediately make a report to the Police.