

15 incorporated owners fined total of \$63,000 for failing to conduct annual inspections of fire service installations or equipment on their premises

The Fire Services Department (FSD) has been mounting territory-wide special enforcement actions in phases at domestic and composite buildings since July 2024. During the operation, the FSD has inspected 256 such buildings in Eastern District and issued 51 warning letters to relevant incorporated owners, reminding them to submit valid fire service installations and equipment certificates before the specified deadline.

15 incorporated owners involving 18 buildings in Eastern District (listed in the Annex) were prosecuted by the FSD for failing to conduct annual inspections of fire service installations or equipment on their premises. They were convicted and fined a total of \$63,000 at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts today (May 29).

According to the Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations, any person who owns any fire service installation or equipment installed in any premises commits an offence if they fail to have such fire service installation or equipment inspected by a registered contractor at least once every 12 months. Upon conviction, the maximum penalty is a fine of \$50,000.

The FSD will continue to conduct territory-wide special enforcement actions in various districts and remind owners of fire service installations or equipment on the premises to have such fire service installations or equipment inspected by a registered contractor at least once every 12 months.

Flag-lowering ceremony cancelled

Owing to the thunderstorm warning, the flag-lowering ceremony to be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai at 6pm today (May 29) will be cancelled.

If the thunderstorm warning is cancelled and weather conditions permit by then, the flag-lowering ceremony may be resumed without further notice.

Special traffic arrangements for Tuen Ng Festival

Police will implement special traffic arrangements in various districts from May 30 to 31 to facilitate public viewing of the dragon boat races and to ensure smooth vehicular traffic movement and pedestrian safety.

Southern District

A. Road closure

Stanley Link Road and Hoi Fung Path will be closed from 6am to 7pm on May 31, except for vehicles of local residents.

Stanley New Street and Stanley Market Road will be closed from 7am to 6pm on May 31, except for vehicles of local residents and vehicles with permit.

Kwun Hoi Path will be closed from 7am to 5pm on May 31, except for vehicles of local residents.

Stanley Main Street will be designated as a pedestrian precinct from 7am to 11pm on May 31.

B. Suspension of parking spaces and car park

The following parking spaces and car park will be suspended from 6am on May 30 to 7pm on May 31:

- All parking spaces on Stanley Link Road; and
- The public car park near the refuse collection point on Stanley Beach Road.

The following parking spaces will be suspended from 6am to 7pm on May 31:

- Eleven metered parking spaces on Island Road opposite to the Hong Kong Golf Club;
- Four metered parking spaces on Island Road opposite to the Deep Water Bay Golf Course;
- Sixteen metered parking spaces on Island Road near the Deep Water Bay Beach barbecue site; and
- All motorcycle parking spaces on Island Road.

All parking spaces on Kwun Hoi Path will be suspended from 7am to 5pm on May 31.

Sha Tin

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The cycling track along the northern riverside of Shing Mun River Channel outside Yuen Wo Tennis Court will be closed from 2pm on May 30 to 3pm on May 31.

The cycling track along the northern riverside of Shing Mun River Channel between Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre and Sha Tin Sports Ground will be closed from 7am to 2.30pm on May 31.

Tai Po

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A. Road closure

Dai King Street, Dai Hei Street and Dai Kwai Street south of Dai Cheong Street will be closed from 6pm on May 30 to 5pm on May 31, except for taxis and vehicles with permit.

B. Closure of cycling track

The cycling track inside Tai Po Waterfront Park near Tai Po Industrial Estate will be closed from 7am to 5pm on May 31.

C. Suspension of parking spaces and car park

Dai Shing Street Car Park will be suspended from 6pm on May 30 to 5pm on May 31, except for vehicles with permit.

The on-street parking spaces on Dai King Street, Dai Hei Street and Dai Kwai Street south of Dai Cheong Street will be suspended from 6pm on May 30 to 5pm on May 31, except for vehicles with permit.

All vehicles parked illegally during the implementation of the above special traffic arrangements will be towed away without prior warning, and may be subject to multiple ticketing.

Police will implement the above arrangements subject to traffic and crowd conditions in the area. Motorists are advised to exercise tolerance and patience, and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.

Commission on Children convenes 25th meeting

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, today (May 29) chaired the 25th meeting of the Commission on Children.

At the meeting, members received a briefing by the Government on the latest situation of the preparatory work for the implementation of the mandatory reporting regime for child abuse cases. The policy objective of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance is to mandate 25 categories of specified professionals in the social welfare, education and healthcare sectors to report serious child abuse cases, thereby creating a wide and effective protection web for children and sending a strong deterrent to potential perpetrators that their abusive behaviours will easily be exposed.

Together with the relevant professions, the Government is proactively making preparations for the commencement of the Ordinance next January. The Government launched the Child Protection Campaign, which comprises publicity and promotion, education and training. It aims to enhance the understanding of the specified professionals as well as the general public regarding the mandatory reporting regime and to raise their awareness about child protection. Mr Chan said that child protection is a long-term commitment that must be sustained to ensure that professionals remain vigilant at all times and that awareness of child protection is rooted in the hearts of the general public.

In addition, the Education Bureau, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau and the Social Welfare Department briefed members on the latest developments of parent education by the Government and the various measures implemented by the Government to support the growth and well-being of children. These measures assist parents in enhancing their parental capacity, enabling their children to develop more healthily and positively while fostering an environment conducive to the nurturing of the next generation for families. Members welcomed the Government's various initiatives to ensure that children grow up healthily in love and care.

Special traffic arrangements for football match at Hong Kong Stadium

Police will implement special traffic arrangements in So Kon Po and Causeway Bay to facilitate a football match to be held at the Hong Kong Stadium on May 30 (Friday).

A. Traffic arrangements at the commencement of the event

Depending on the crowd and traffic conditions, the following special arrangements will be implemented from about 5.30pm:

Road closure

– Caroline Hill Road between its eastern junction with Leighton Road and

Cotton Path;

- Part of the traffic lane of Caroline Hill Road between Eastern Hospital Road and Cotton Path;
- Westbound Hysan Avenue between Yun Ping Road and Hoi Ping Road;
- Stadium Path; and
- Lee Garden Road between Lan Fong Road and Hysan Avenue, except for green minibuses (GMBs).

Traffic diversions

- Caroline Hill Road between its western junction with Leighton Road and Stadium Path will be re-routed one way southbound;
- Eastern Hospital Road between Stadium Path and Tung Lo Wan Road will be re-routed one way northbound;
- Two lanes on Caroline Hill Road between its western junction with Leighton Road and Link Road will be designated for traffic entering Caroline Hill Road from Hoi Ping Road;
- Hysan Avenue between Leighton Road and Hoi Ping Road will be re-routed one way eastbound;
- Two lanes on eastbound Hysan Avenue will be designated for traffic turning right to Hoi Ping Road;
- Vehicles leaving the private driveway of Lee Garden One must turn left to eastbound Hysan Avenue;
- Traffic along Yun Ping Road cannot turn left to westbound Hysan Avenue, and vehicles will be diverted to Lan Fong Road and Pak Sha Road;
- If necessary, traffic along northbound Link Road downhill to northbound Caroline Hill Road must turn left to westbound Leighton Road; and
- If necessary, traffic along Lan Fong Road cannot turn left to southbound Lee Garden Road, and vehicles will be diverted to northbound Lee Garden Road, Foo Ming Street and southbound Percival Street, except for GMBs.

Passenger alighting arrangements

The drop-off zone for taxis and private cars will be arranged to set down passengers at the locations specified below:

- Western kerbside of Caroline Hill Road near the Disciplined Service Sports and Recreation Club;
- Northern kerbside of Cotton Path; and
- Southern kerbside (taxi drop-off zone) and northern kerbside (private car drop-off zone) of Eastern Hospital Road near the main entrance of Hong Kong Stadium.

B. Traffic arrangements on conclusion of the event

Depending on the crowd and traffic conditions, the following special arrangements will be implemented from about 9.30pm:

Road closure

- Caroline Hill Road;
- Eastern Hospital Road between Caroline Hill Road and Cotton Path;
- Hoi Ping Road;
- Sunning Road, except for vehicles exit from Lee Garden Three Car Park;
- If necessary, Cotton Path;
- If necessary, Leighton Road; and
- If necessary, northbound Link Road (downhill), except for vehicles heading for No. 1, 3, 5 and 7 on Link Road.

Traffic diversions

- Before the end of the event, vehicles may be permitted to leave the South China Athletic Association car parks by turning right at the western exit to northbound Caroline Hill Road;
- Before the end of the event, vehicles may be permitted to exit buildings on Eastern Hospital Road by turning right to northbound Eastern Hospital Road;
- Traffic along westbound Leighton Road cannot enter Caroline Hill Road for Link Road, and vehicles will be diverted via Wong Nai Chung Road and Broadwood Road; and
- When Leighton Road is closed, traffic along westbound Causeway Road will be diverted via Irving Street; traffic along eastbound Morrison Hill Road will be diverted via Canal Road West; traffic along southbound Percival Street must turn right to westbound Leighton Road; and traffic along southbound Canal Road East cannot turn left to Leighton Road.

C. Traffic arrangements throughout the event

Prohibition for learner drivers

From 5pm to 11pm, learner drivers cannot enter Tung Lo Wan Road from Causeway Road. The following roads will also be prohibited to all learner drivers:

- Westbound Leighton Road;
- Percival Street south of Hennessy Road;
- Caroline Hill Road;
- Link Road;
- Stadium Path;
- Cotton Path; and
- Eastern Hospital Road.

Suspension of parking spaces

All on-street parking spaces on the following roads will be suspended from 5pm to 11pm:

- Stadium Path;
- Northbound Caroline Hill Road between Stadium Path and Cotton Path;
- Hoi Ping Road;

- Sunning Road; and
- Eastern Hospital Road.

Restrictions on access to / exit from car parks

If necessary, all car parks along Caroline Hill Road, Eastern Hospital Road, Stadium Path and Cotton Path may be closed at short notice.

Vehicles in car parks within the road closure area may not be permitted to leave during the road closure period.

During the implementation of the special traffic arrangements, any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts mentioned above will be towed away without prior warning, and may be subject to multiple ticketing.

Police will implement the above arrangements subject to traffic and crowd conditions in the area. Motorists are advised to exercise tolerance and patience, and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.