



# Chapter 11: Don't Bribe, Report Corruption

## Don't Bribe

Bribery is a criminal offence in Hong Kong. It is a bribery offence for an employee, whether working in the public sector or in a private sector company, to solicit or accept an advantage for abusing his authority. The one who offers a bribe is also culpable. According to the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (PBO), an advantage refers to anything of value, such as any gift, reward, commission, loan, office, service and favour. ***The maximum penalty for offering, soliciting or accepting an advantage is seven years in jail and a fine of HK\$500,000.***

Two examples of bribery are given below:

### Applying for government service

A resident has submitted an application for government service. Eager to get the service as quickly as possible, the resident offers a gift to a government officer for expediting the process. The resident has committed an offence of offering a bribe under the PBO as no approval will be given by Hong Kong Government for its officers to solicit or accept the gift. If the government officer accepts the gift as a reward for processing the application, he will also commit a bribery offence.

### Finding a job

A job seeker offers HK\$3,000 to a manager of a company in order to secure a job. The job seeker will be liable for an offence under the PBO, while the manager will also breach the law if he, without the permission of his company, accepts the money in connection with the company's business.

## Report Corruption

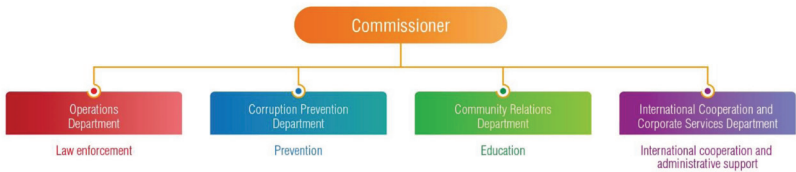
Corruption brings unfairness and adversely affects our daily lives. Do not tolerate corruption. Report it to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

- Interpretation service in languages other than English can be arranged.

- Your identity and information provided will be kept confidential.
- Reports can be made:
  - 1) By phone: **25 266 366** (24-hour hotline)
  - 2) In person: ICAC Report Centre (24-hour service) or any ICAC Regional Office
  - 3) By mail: GPO Box 1000, Hong Kong

## Independent Commission Against Corruption

- The ICAC is the independent and dedicated anti-corruption agency in Hong Kong. It fights corruption through effective law enforcement, prevention, education and international cooperation.



## ICAC Report Centre & Regional Offices

Centre/Regional Office	Address	Hotline	MTR Exit
ICAC Report Centre (24-hour)	G/F, 303 Java Road North Point Hong Kong	25 266 366	Quarry Bay Station Exit C
Hong Kong East	Unit 3, G/F, East Town Building 16 Fenwick Street Wan Chai, Hong Kong	2519 6555	Wan Chai Station Exit C
Hong Kong West/Islands	G/F, Harbour Commercial Building 124 Connaught Road Central, Sheung Wan Hong Kong	2543 0000	Sheung Wan Station Exit C

Kowloon East/ Sai Kung	Shop No. 9, G/F Chevalier Commercial Centre, 8 Wang Hoi Road Kowloon Bay, Kowloon	2756 3300	Kowloon Bay Station Exit A
Kowloon West	G/F, Nathan Commercial Building 434-436 Nathan Road Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon	2780 8080	Yau Ma Tei Station Exit C
New Territories East	G06-G13, G/F Sha Tin Government Offices 1 Sheung Wo Che Road Sha Tin, NT	2606 1144	Sha Tin Station Exit A1/B
New Territories North West	G/F, Fu Hing Building 230 Castle Peak Road Yuen Long, NT	2459 0459	Long Ping Station Exit C
New Territories South West	Shop B1, G/F Tsuen Kam Centre 300-350 Castle Peak Road Tsuen Wan, NT	2493 7733	Tsuen Wan Station Exit A3

*Opening Hours of ICAC Regional Offices:  
9:00 am - 7:00 pm, Monday to Friday  
(Closed on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays)*

ICAC thematic webpage for people of diverse race, available in English and eight other languages, contains animation videos illustrating the corruption pitfalls in everyday life and introducing the channels of reporting corruption.  
[https://www.icac.org.hk/icac/race\\_eq/index.html](https://www.icac.org.hk/icac/race_eq/index.html)



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