



Owners/ Occupiers/ Property Management/ Incorporated Owners

Dear Sir/Madam,

7 August 2009

Removal of Glass Fronted Metal Casing at Emergency Exit Door
(Common Areas Means of Escape)

Recently, it comes to our notice that the pushbars of the emergency exit devices (panic hardware devices) at the exit doors along means of escape in the common areas of buildings were found covered by glass fronted metal casings. Such casing(s) is/are not acceptable from fire safety point of view as the glass fronted casing(s) has/have defeated the design and the intended use of such emergency exit device(s) (panic hardware device) thus causing the exit door(s) not readily and conveniently openable from within the premises thereby materially increasing the danger to life that would result from the outbreak of fire or the occurrence of any other calamity.

In this regard, you are advised to take immediate action to rectify the irregularities by removing the glass pane(s) together with its/their casing(s) at the exit doors before the end of August 2009.

You are also advised that if the said glass pane(s) and its/their casing(s) is/are not removed before the end of this month, fire hazard abatement action under Section 3 of the Fire Services (Fire Hazard Abatement) Regulation may be instituted to abate such anomaly.

If you have further enquiries, please feel free to contact Divisional Officer of Building Improvement Division 1 Mr. YEUNG Ping-kwai, at Tel. 2272 9179.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Law Hung'.

(LAW Hung)

for Director of Fire Services

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