

**Antiquities and Monuments
Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance, Cap 53**

When commissioned for demolition, redevelopment and alteration and addition proposals, you may encounter situations involving historical buildings and artifacts. This aims to help you in those circumstances.

Building or Site Declared or Proposed as Monument

2. Monuments are declared or proposed under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance by the Secretary for Recreation and Culture (SRC) by notice in the Gazette. Section 6 of the Ordinance prohibits any work being carried out on such site without a permit issued by SRC.

3. Accordingly, unless you have already obtained a permit and can produce a copy of such to the Buildings Department (BD), plans for building works affecting a building or a site which has been declared a Monument or a proposed Monument would be disapproved under Buildings Ordinance section 16(1)(d). In the case of a consent application, you would be formally notified of the legal position.

Building Listed as a Graded Building

4. The Antiquities Advisory Board from time to time grades historical buildings on their historical and architectural merit to facilitate their preservation. These buildings are listed as Graded Buildings (1, 2 or 3 grade) by the Board.

5. While Graded Buildings do not enjoy statutory protection, SRC would be notified of and invited to comment on building proposals or demolition applications affecting such buildings. SRC may request you, as authorized person for the building works, to submit both cartographic and photographic records of the building and to salvage useful building materials before demolition. Please assist SRC.

General Observations

6. The Antiquities and Monuments Office of the Recreation and Culture Branch is interested in obtaining historical building materials which could be used for the repair and restoration of other historical buildings. Architectural Services Department collects and stores such materials. When you are commissioned for a project involving the demolition or alteration of a building of historical interest, you may be invited to make early contact with the Antiquities and Monuments Office. Your co-operation would be appreciated.



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