

Cease Works Orders

To ensure that registered contractors are fully aware of the powers of the staff of the Buildings Ordinance Office, the following advice is given :

- (a) any instruction or order issued under powers conferred by the Buildings Ordinance, to stop any building works, street works, lift works or escalator works in progress or to demolish any part of such works either under construction or completed, or to alter any such works under construction or completed, must be issued in writing; and
- (b) such an instruction or order must be signed on behalf of the Building Authority by an officer holding one of the following posts :

Principal Government Building Surveyor
Government Building Surveyor
Government Structural Engineer
Chief Building Surveyor
Chief Structural Engineer
Senior Building Surveyor
Senior Structural Engineer

2. No member of the staff of the Buildings Ordinance Office has powers under the Buildings Ordinance to issue, **verbally**, instructions or orders requiring building works, street works, lift works or escalator works to be stopped, demolished or altered.

3. If any person claiming to be a government official acting under the Buildings Ordinance gives any such instruction or order **verbally**, registered contractors are advised to ask to see the officer's Warrant Card and having obtained information on his identity, to report the matter to the Building Authority without delay.

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