

# BUILDING SAFETY QUARTERLY



To enhance communication with property management agents, the Buildings Department (BD) publishes and sends this quarterly newsletter to all property management companies and hopefully through them, this newsletter will reach the hands of building owners.

## Little Forum

### Can I carry out alteration works to the common parts of a building?

The alteration works to the common parts of a building should comply with the building standards stipulated in the Buildings Ordinance (BO) and Regulations such as not causing overloading to the building; not affecting the means of escape in case of fire, etc. Moreover, the procedural requirements on submissions to the Buildings Department should also be complied with. Owners and occupants are therefore advised to consult building professionals on the feasibility of the proposed alteration for compliance with the BO.

Furthermore, owners and occupants are also advised to check any restrictions as may be stipulated in the Deed of Mutual Covenant, and to obtain the agreement from the Owners' Corporation, Mutual Aid Committee or the management company prior to the carrying out of the alteration works.

For matters relating to this, please visit BD web-site at [www.bd.gov.hk](http://www.bd.gov.hk):

"Frequently Asked Questions" >  
"Alteration and Additional Works in Domestic Premises"



## Practitioners Corner

A building safety seminar jointly organized by the Vocational Training Council (VTC), the Hong Kong Property Management Company Association (HKAPMC) and BD was held on 21.8.2015. The seminar covers various topics including handling the problems of water seepage, sub-division of flats and the Mandatory Building/Window Inspection Scheme. There were more than 300 participants majorly from property management and property agency sectors. Please pay attention to the upcoming events!



## Building Safety Certificate Course

BD is organising a free-of-charge Building Safety Certificate Course targeting private building owners, committee members of Owners' Corporation etc. to equip them with useful knowledge on building safety and maintenance. The lectures will be conducted in Cantonese. The 1st & 2nd courses are full. Thank you for your support. The 3rd course will be held at Kwai Fong Community Hall at the end of this year. For further details, please visit BD web-site at [www.bd.gov.hk](http://www.bd.gov.hk):  
"Our Service" > "Public Education and Publicity"





## Roadshows and Exhibitions

BD has a range of building safety related exhibits that can be on loan for display at private housing estates.

### "Care For Your Building" Kiosk

First of all, we have a very popular "Care For Your Building" kiosk. You may gain direct on-line access to BD's thematic web-site to obtain useful information on building safety matters. You may also play online games or even have a selfie through the kiosk which can be sent back to your own email account.



We will introduce more exhibits to you in the next newsletter. If you are interested in displaying the exhibits in your estate, please contact BD at 3106 3349.



## New Short Films

### "Modern Owners"

BD has produced a lively set of short films, "Modern Owners", to help you learn more about the requirements of the Mandatory Building/Window Inspection Scheme (MBIS and MWIS). Other than the 30 minutes full version short film, there are 10 footages that will answer those frequently asked questions on the MBIS and MWIS. Please watch from the BD Youtube Channel.



YouTube

Modern Owners

[www.youtube.com/user/BDGOVHK](http://www.youtube.com/user/BDGOVHK)



## E-Hub

You can gain useful information through different electronic means including:



BD web-site  
[www.bd.gov.hk](http://www.bd.gov.hk)



"Care For Your Building"  
thematic web-site  
[www.careyourbuilding.bd.gov.hk](http://www.careyourbuilding.bd.gov.hk)



"Quick Guide for Minor Works"  
Mobile Application

《Building Safety Express》  
Facebook page



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YouTube channel



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