

Hong Kong

The following procedures are specific to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and provide the current guidance as to how to report a crime as at May 2023.

<p><u>Contact Details</u></p> <p>Flag State Procedures i.e. you are on a HKSAR-flagged vessel &</p> <p>Port State Procedures i.e. you are in HKSAR waters/port</p>	
<p>Who to contact to report a sexual offence? E.g. rape.</p>	<p><u>Emergency Assistance</u></p> <p>For immediate police response during emergencies or life-threatening situations, dial 999 while in the HKSAR.</p> <p>Note that the Hong Kong Police may not be able to render immediate assistance if you are not within HKSAR waters or at one of the facilities/terminals of the Port of HKSAR.</p> <p><u>Reporting a Crime</u></p> <p>To provide crime-related information to the Hong Kong Police in a non-emergency situation (including to make a police report), dial (+852) 2527 7177.</p>
<p>In what circumstances can I contact the police?</p>	<p>A police report can be made if you have been the victim of or a witness to a criminal offence, including a sexual offence.</p> <p>Note that a police report can be made if someone:</p> <p>(a) threatens, abuses, or insults you with the intention to cause harassment, alarm, or distress, or</p> <p>(b) threatens you with physical violence, or</p> <p>(c) commits act(s) of a sexual nature against you without your consent.</p> <p>Such act(s) may constitute criminal offences. Once a police report is made, the police may launch an investigation, and arrest and/or prosecute the perpetrator.</p>
<p>What information to provide to the police?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name and contact number. • Description of the crime or incident. • Name of the vessel and present location. • Form of immediate assistance required (if applicable). • Date and time of the crime. • Name of the perpetrator and their whereabouts, if known.

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Contact Details	
(i) National Procedures i.e. you are a Hong Kong resident (and the vessel is not HKSAR-flagged and is not in HKSAR waters)	
What is my first point of contact?	<p>In the first instance, you should contact the police of the country you are currently in (or will be at the next port of call) as they are best placed to investigate the crime (see the table above if you are in HKSAR waters/ at a HKSAR port).</p> <p>Your national consulate also provides assistance and advice for what to do if a crime is committed abroad (i.e. you are outside HKSAR).</p>
Who to contact for consular assistance?	<p>If you are a Hong Kong resident and are presently outside of the HKSAR, you can contact the HK Immigration Department at (+852) 1868 for emergency assistance. If you require assistance but are unable to call the above hotline from abroad due to service settings of telecommunication service operators or other reasons, try dialling (+852) 1868 0000.</p> <p>If you are a Hong Kong resident who is a Chinese citizen and are outside Chinese territory, you may alternatively contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (MFA) for consular assistance. In case of an emergency, you may call the MFA's Global Emergency Call Center for Consular Protection and Services at (+86) 10 12308. For the contact numbers of the relevant Chinese Embassy / Consulate General in different locations, please visit:</p> <p>https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/wjb_663304/zwjg_665342/2490_665344/</p>

Medical examinations	
Who to contact for a medical examination?	<p>After making a police report, the police will arrange a medical examination.</p> <p>In a non-emergency situation, you may contact the Hong Kong Police by dialling (+852) 2527 7177.</p>

Specialised charitable organisations and agencies	
Who to contact if you require free legal advice?	<p>The Law Society of Hong Kong operates a Free Legal Helpline at (+852) 8200 8002. A panel of solicitors will provide up to 45 minutes of free consultation and advice on a pro bono basis.</p> <p>The Free Legal Advice Scheme provided by the Duty Lawyer Service of the HKSAR government provides free preliminary legal advice regarding one's legal position in genuine cases. To access such services, you can get in touch with one of the referral agencies listed on this website: http://www.dutylawyer.org.hk/en/free/referral.htm</p> <p>RainLily operates a legal clinic, through which lawyers provide pro bono information on legal rights and the related process for survivors (regardless of gender or sexual orientation). To get in touch, please see</p>

	<p>section above on counselling service providers for their contact information. Alternatively, you may fill in an online registration form here: https://rainlily.org.hk/eng/legalclinic</p>
<p>Who to contact for counselling services?</p>	<p>CEASE Crisis Centre provides victims of sexual violence with counselling, outreach and referral services as well as emergency short-term accommodation. You may contact them at their 24-hour hotline at (+852) 18281, or email them at ceasecrisis@tungwah.org.hk</p> <p>RainLily provides free immediate crisis support and counselling services, in addition to providing legal information and judicial procedures accompaniment support for female victim-survivors of sexual violence. You may call them at (+852) 2375 5322, or alternatively via WhatsApp at (+852) 6730 1892, Instagram at @acsvaw, email at SafeChat@rainlily.org.hk or filling in their online form at:</p> <p>https://rainlily.org.hk/eng/safechat</p>
<p>Who to contact for potential civil claims involving gender discrimination?</p>	<p>Sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination are criminal offences under the Sex Discrimination Ordinance. The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) can provide assistance and advice to persons who encounter workplace/employment-related sexual discrimination or harassment: https://www.eoc.org.hk/en/; call (+852) 2511 8211 / (+852) 2106 2222; or email eoc@eoc.org.hk</p> <p>You can also make a civil claim under the common law torts of intimidation or harassment and apply for an interlocutory injunction and/or damages. You can seek such remedies yourself, or engage a lawyer to act on your behalf.</p>
<p>What information to provide to the EOC?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name and HK ID card number/passport number. • Your contact number. • Your correspondence address. • Particulars of the person or organisation you are complaining against (if available). • Description of the discrimination / harassment faced.