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Dear Community Partners,

### **CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY**


This letter serves to alert you of a recent spate of Robbery and Snatch Theft cases involving foreigners at locations such as Geylang, Redhill, Kallang, Soon Lee Road and Beach Road.

- 2 These cases generally took place along pathways or roads which were deserted and had occurred during the evenings (7 to 8pm) or during the wee hours of the morning (12 midnight to 6.30am) when human and vehicular traffics are low.
- 3 Culprits usually operated in a group of two or more and targeted mainly Indian National construction workers. The common mode of operation used includes approaching victims from the front followed by grabbing or pushing victims to the ground before snatching their valuables. On some occasions, culprits would threaten the victim at knife point before robbing them. Items targeted are mainly cash and handphones.
- 4 Description of culprits cited by victims are as follow: -
  - a. Male subjects operating in a group of two or more, believed to be of East Malaysian, Thai or Indonesian origins.
  - b. Culprits were dressed in T-shirts, shorts and slippers during the commission of the offence.
  - c. Aged between 20 and 30 years old.
- 5 While Police are investigating into the crimes, it is important for workers to remain alert and prevent themselves from becoming the next victim. Please disseminate this advisory to SCAL members for them to remind their foreign workers to be vigilant during time-off and take the following crime preventive measures:
  - a. Always be alert and attentive to the surroundings. If they suspect that they are being followed, remain calm and proceed to the nearest open business premises, crowded area or call the Police to seek help;
  - b. Avoid taking short cuts through dimly lit, quiet and secluded places;
  - c. Do not flaunt or expose cash / handphone in public view ;
  - d. Keep only sufficient amount of cash as change; and
  - e. Do not carry large sums of money. Advise the foreign workers to deposit the money in a bank or remit the money home as soon as possible.

**CRIME PREVENTION – A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

- 6 When confronted by a robber(s), workers are reminded to:
- a. Remain calm;
  - b. Do not put up any resistance.
  - c. Note the suspect(s)' physical appearance such as, clothing, height and other distinctive features like tattoos or dyed hair;
  - d. Also note the culprits' direction and mode of escape;
  - e. Call the Police as soon as it is safe to do so.
- 7 Please do not hesitate to contact Bukit Merah East NPC at **1800-2369999** or the police hotline at **999**, if you have any crime information or require any police assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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