

**Radio Television Hong Kong (Police Report) : Trespassing into Waterworks  
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Host (Kevin) : Hi! Mr LAI. If the person in the video swims in reservoir, he not only pollutes water but may also violate the law.

Mr LAI Siu Ming, Jeffery (Senior Engineer, Water Supplies Department) : Yes, swimming in reservoir may contaminate source of water. Reservoir is the source of potable water. Everyone has the responsibility to protect reservoirs from contamination, so please do not swim in reservoirs. In addition, reservoirs are waterworks. According to the Waterworks Ordinance, any person who contaminates water in reservoirs, including bathes or washes therein, shall be guilty of an offence and be liable to a fine of maximum \$50,000 and to imprisonment for 2 years.

Host (Kevin) : What measures has the Water Supplies Department taken against the concerned improper acts?

Mr LAI Siu Ming, Jeffery (Senior Engineer, Water Supplies Department) : The Water Supplies Department has erected warning signs at reservoirs to remind public not to contaminate the source of fresh water supply including not to swim in reservoirs. In addition, we patrol the reservoirs regularly. If necessary, we will conduct joint enforcement operations with police. If any person contravenes the Waterworks Ordinance, we will prosecute the relevant person. In fact, we took prosecution actions for similar cases in the past. If public suspects any person contravening the Waterworks Ordinance, please report the case to the Water Supplies Department Customer Enquiry Hotline at 2824 5000.

Host (Kevin) : Mr LAI, please make an appeal for us at last.

Mr LAI Siu Ming, Jeffery (Senior Engineer, Water Supplies Department) : That's good. Gathering grounds in the vicinity of reservoirs are also waterworks. Swimming in there is also prohibited. Moreover, there are no lifeguard in reservoirs or gathering grounds. Some gathering grounds are located in stream areas. In case of heavy rainfall, there may be a flash flood. As such, please do not swim in reservoirs or gathering grounds.

Host (Kevin) : I appeal that in order to conserve precious water resource and ensure your safety, please do not swim or play in water in reservoirs or gathering grounds. If you would like to swim, it is better to go to swimming pools or beaches.

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