

# POLICE GENERAL ORDERS

## CHAPTER 33

### GAMBLING

Action and procedures in respect of gambling matters are detailed in three places. These are Police General Orders (PGO 33), the Force Procedures Manual (FPM 33) and the Police Manual (PM 49).

#### 33-01 Gambling

A police officer shall promptly report any information which may come into his possession regarding unlawful gambling.

#### 33-03 Gambling - Issue and Execution of Authorizations

A gambling authorization shall be executed only by the officer to whom it is issued, and he shall have it in his possession at the time of execution and shall produce it on entry or as soon as practicable thereafter.

#### 33-06 Gambling Records

When raids are conducted in premises used as gambling establishments, the OC Case shall ensure that a sketch showing exits and entrances, and all information pertinent to the location of the gamblers and gambling equipment is prepared. This shall be signed by the officer who prepares it and included in the case file.

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#### 33-07 Action against Landlords, Tenants, etc. in respect of Gambling Offences

When an offence contrary to section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 16A(1) of the Gambling Ordinance has been committed in respect of any premises, the OC Case shall ascertain the identity of the owner and in addition, where existing, of the tenant, the occupier and the person in charge.

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2. In a case where the Hong Kong Government is the owner of the premises used in contravention of the Gambling Ordinance, the OC Case shall inform the Department concerned of breaches of the law by memorandum.

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**33-08 Disconnection of Telephone Services**

Whenever charges have been laid under section 5, 7 or 8 of the Gambling Ordinance, the OC Case shall also obtain details of :

- (a) telephones in the premises in which the alleged offence occurred and which are registered in the name of the defendant; and
- (b) any other telephone services to which the defendant is the subscriber.

2. These details shall be made available for the prosecutor to apply to the court for disconnection services immediately upon conviction.

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3. If the court makes such an order for disconnection, the OC Case shall ascertain whether the order is complied with by the telecommunications service provider concerned. If the order is not complied with within one month of being made, the OC Case shall inform the Registrar, Court of First Instance, in writing.

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