

2025 Election Committee Subsector By-elections
Reference List of Prohibited Articles at the
Central Counting Station

A person shall not bring into, use or display in the Central Counting Station (“CCS”) any article which may cause any nuisance, inconvenience, disturbance, interference, obstruction or danger to other persons or distribute in the CCS any promotional materials, souvenirs or give-away items without the prior permission of the Chief Returning Officer (Subsectors) or the Returning Officer in charge of that counting zone. This list of prohibited articles (which is for reference only and by no means exhaustive) is as follows:

1. Guns, firearms and other devices that discharge projectile

- firearms of all types, including handguns, rifles, shotguns
- replicas and imitation firearms capable of being mistaken for real weapons, such as air gun, gun lighters
- signal flare pistols and starter pistols
- bows, cross bows and arrows
- harpoon guns and spear guns
- slingshots and catapults

2. Stunning and immobilisation devices

- devices for shocking, such as stun guns and stun batons
- disabling and incapacitating chemicals, gases and sprays, such as tear gas, pepper or capsicum spray, and acid sprays

3. Weapons

- lockable or flick knives
- martial arts equipment, such as knuckledusters, darts, swords, sabres, nunchucks, umbrellas or canes with blades

4. Explosives and incendiary substances and devices

- ammunition, smoke grenade
- pyrotechnics including signal fire, fireworks, party poppers, illuminating flares
- smoke-generating canisters

5. Illegal drugs (according to the items listed on the website of the Hong Kong Police Force)

6. Articles that may breach the National Security Law or Safeguarding National Security Ordinance

7. Other articles that may cause disturbances to participants

Tools

- drills and drill bits, including cordless portable power drills
- tools with blades or shafts capable of use as weapons, such as screwdrivers, chisels

- saws, including cordless portable power saws
- blowtorches
- bolt guns and nail guns
- rattan canes, metal rods, hammers, pliers and spanners
- items designed for chopping, such as axes, cleavers, scalpels
- ice axes and ice picks
- lighters, lighter refills, gas soldering iron, grill or torch lighter, paint, spray paint, petrol, printing ink and thinner and unidentified powder
- corrosive fluid, drain opener acid
- carbon dioxide cylinders, fire extinguishers, oxygen cylinders (except for participants with medical certificates)

Sizable articles posing safety hazards to participants or occupying walkways

- bamboo stilts, bamboo scaffolds or huge exhibits with potential risk of collapse, etc.
- display articles with size larger than average human dimension (and which are unable to be shrunk or folded up), such as paper coffins, life-size cardboard stand
- pull up banners

Athletic articles that may cause injury or disturbances to participants

- athletic articles, such as balls, baseball bats, golf clubs, rackets, skates, frisbee, boomerang

Any types of noise makers

- Loudspeakers, amplifiers, vuvuzela, etc.

Others

- projection equipment (laser pointer, laser light or projector, etc.)
- camera drones
- recreational devices with wheels, including but not limited to skateboards, scooters, inline skates, shoes with built-in wheels
- toy guns, water guns
- glass bottles, aluminium cans, bricks or oversized objects
- paintballs, inks, pigments, glue, etc.
- pets (except for guide dogs)
- helmets and armour
- umbrellas (long umbrella, collapsible umbrella, sun umbrella, etc.)
- “selfie” stick
- balloon
- publicity materials of any kind (including banners, bunting flyers)
- any other articles that cause disturbances, inconvenience, nuisance, obstruct, hindrance or danger to others