



Ministry highlights safe handling of petroleum materials at petrol stations, business premises

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A KPDNHEP personnel explaining about the petroleum safety awareness campaign to the public.

DOMESTIC Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) is carrying out an awareness campaign on the safe handling of petroleum materials at petrol stations, business premises and in housing areas.

KPDNHEP Kuala Lumpur director Ariffin Samsudin said the annual programme was aimed at creating greater public awareness regarding safety at petrol stations.

"Awareness of safety measures at petrol stations is very important to avoid any loss of life or property since such places are a high-risk flammable area.

"Some customers still use their mobile phones or leave their car engine running while filling up on petrol.

"It is also vital that no one, including the workers at petrol stations, should be allowed to smoke in any part of the premises, including the toilet, sidewalks or the back of the station, because it is very dangerous as it can lead to a large explosion or fire," he added.

Ariffin was speaking after launching the Kuala Lumpur Petroleum Safety Awareness Campaign 2019 at Caltex Jaya Gemilang in Jalan Puchong, Kuala Lumpur.

He said anyone found smoking in the premises of a petrol station would be considered violating the Control of Tobacco Product Regulations 2004 and might be liable to a fine of not exceeding RM10,000 or imprisonment of not more than two years.

He also advised petrol station operators to constantly ensure the station's equipment met the prescribed safety standard and a fire extinguisher must be on site at all times.

Caltex Jaya Gemilang retail partner Daniel Cheah said there was an emergency evacuation plan in place for the station. He also reminded the public that use of mobile phones on the premises was strictly prohibited.

Meanwhile Chevron Malaysia Ltd retail district manager (central and south) Chang Swee Wah said Chevron Malaysia was collaborating with the police to implement the Go-To-Safety-Points plan at selected Caltex petrol stations.

He explained that the programme was to enable petrol station operators to serve their customers better and play an active role in a safer community.

During the launch, the Fire and Rescue Services Department held a fire extinguisher demonstration while KPDNHEP disseminated information at its mini booth.

Also present at the event were Bukit Jalil Fire Station chief Jalailudin Abdul Mubin.

Read more at <https://www.thestar.com.my/metro/metro-news/2019/10/22/ministry-highlights-safe-handling-of-petroleum-materials-at-petrol-stations-business-premises#Dd11idFI06FWSQij.99>

