

Message from the Miyagi Prefectural Police

★ How to Avoid Problems and Crime ★



★ Things to Keep in Mind while Living in Japan

○ Noise Complaints

To avoid bothering your neighbors, don't be loud when inviting friends over to your house, and keep TV and music at a low volume.



○ Garbage Disposal

Please sort your garbage into combustible garbage, glass bottles, cans, etc., and dispose of it on specified days at the designated area. Do not take garbage left by others, as it may have been put out for recycling.



○ Be Careful of Scam Calls!!

Recently, foreigners living in Japan have received scam calls or messages on social media from people who claim to be from their home country's embassy or police. They may claim: "There is an arrest warrant for you", or "You will be arrested unless you pay money".

If you receive a call like this, hang up the phone and tell your family or someone you trust. You should also make sure not to answer calls from anonymous or unknown numbers.

Do not reply to suspicious messages.

○ Calling the Police in an Emergency

If you are involved in an incident or accident, call 110.

Your call will be connected to the police headquarters. Speak slowly and calmly, and provide information in the following order: "Where, When, Who, What, and How".



★ Acts which are Regarded as Crimes in Japan

～Be aware of illegal part time jobs offered through social media or by your acquaintances～

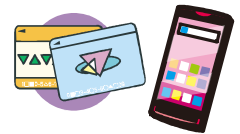
○ Giving your Cash Card, Etc., to Others

If you give your cash card, bank book or smartphone to others, they may be used to commit crimes.

Don't give them to other people, even if you are promised cash payment in return.

Close your bank accounts when you leave Japan.

It is strictly forbidden to make a bank account or sign up for a mobile phone contract with the intention of selling or giving it to someone else, as doing so is considered a crime.



○ Illegal Part-time Jobs

Recently, criminal groups have been recruiting people through social media and other online platforms to take part in illegal part-time work.

Be cautious of recruitment ads that advertise “high-paying jobs” or that say, “all you have to do is receive packages”.

Even if a friend or someone you respect tries to recruit you, do not say yes - you could become entangled in crime!!

○ Illegal Gambling

Some forms of gambling are illegal. Do not participate in illegal gambling, as it may lead to money disputes and even injury.

○ When Sending Money to your Home Country

When transferring money to family or relatives in your home country, always use a bank. Do not ask acquaintances to send money on your behalf.

