About Criminal Procedure

1. About summary of Criminal Procedure

Following chart is a summary of a Criminal Procedure for an adult offender of traffic accident.





Transfer to Public

Request for detention.

Indictment or Non-indictment

Trial

Appearance

as a witness

Request for a

summary order

Summary order

Report to police, report with dial 110
Questioning (making a written statement)
Presence at the on-the-spot investigation

Submission of evidence

(What is an investigation) Investigation is an series of activity to solve a case such as proving the fact by arresting the offender and collecting the evidence.

Confirmation of the offender and so on Questioning (making a written statement) Presence at the on-the-spot investigation Confirmation of the evidence and so on

Questioning by Public Prosecutor (Detention)

Public Prosecutor who received a case from Police make a request to Court for detention if Public Prosecutor admits a necessity of continuous detention of the offender.

(Indictment, Non-indictment)
Public Prosecutor makes a decision
whether to put the offender on a trial

or not.

Putting the offender on a trial is called Indictment and not putting it is called Non-indictment.

(Trial and Summary order)

Judgement in a normal public court is called Trial and judgement of a fine order and so on by examination of documents is called Summary judgement.

After an indictment of an offender and procedure of a trial, the judge sentences through examination.

%In case the offender of a traffic accident is a minor, under 20 years-old, there may be some deference with above-mentioned procedure due to juvenile court procedure.

Victim support system of the Police

For unsettled victim and his/her family members just after the traffic accident, police officers explain them the situation of investigation and consult them about their concerns.

Advisor's offices of traffic accidents

[Police's office]

Advisor's office	Phone #
Police General Consultation	#9110(abbreviated dialing)
Office	(073) 432-0110
Traffic Enforcement Division of	(073) 473-0110
The Police Headquarters	(in Traffic Center)
Traffic Section of a police station	

[Related organization's office]

Advisor's office	Phone #
Wakayama Prefecture International Exchange Center	(073) 435-5240
Wakayama Prefectural Traffic Accident Consultation Office	(073) 441-2359 (in Wakayama Prefectural Office)
Wakayama Lawyer's Association	(073) 422-4580
Wakayama Branch of Counter Traffic Accident Organization	(073) 431-7337
The General Insurance Association of Japan (SONPO) SONPO ADR Center	0570-02-2808
Wakayama City Consultation Office	(073) 435-1025 (in Wakayama City Hall)
Kinokuni Victim Support Center	(073) 427-1000

-Request for your cooperation-

For a victim and his/her family members, please cooperate with our investigation on following requests.

[Questioning]

Investigators make questions for a victim and his/her family members about the situation of the accident.

[Submission of evidence]

Clothes and belongings of a victim may be submitted as an evidence to prove the accident.

[Presence at the on-the-spot investigation]

Your presence at the on-the-spot investigation may be required.

For a victim involved in a traffic accident and his/her family members

~We will support you until your smile returns~



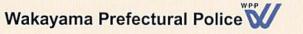
This leaflet informs you of

- Insurance and support system you can use
- Proceedings of an investigation and a trial of traffic accident
- Cooperation request for an investigation

Please feel free to contact us about any questions or concerns.

[Investigator in charge]

Police Station (Team)



Who is the counterpart person of the traffic accident?

How will the punishment for the counterpart person be carried out?

The police has a policy of informing the following information as much as possible to answer questions of a victim and his/her family members.

1. About the counterpart person of the traffic accident Address, Name, Age and so on

2. About a punishment for the counterpart person

- OWhether he/she is arrested or released
- OName of Public Prosecutor's Office in which
- the case was transferred
- OWhether the case is indicted or not, what punishment is carried out and so on

3. Others

In case the counterpart person of the traffic accident is a minor, we will inform you of information according to above-mentioned standard.

But in that case, there may be some difference in the contents. Some victims and their family members do not want to be notified of any information to avoid recalling the accident. In that case, please inform an investigator of your will.

Victim Notification System

1. Notified Information

Decision of such as criminal trial, juvenile court judge, protective measures or treatment of the case or of the offender after the conviction was decided

2. Notification Organization

Juvenile training school, public prosecutor's office, regional parole board or probation office

3. Contact

- 1. After the decision of juvenile judgment, notification organization will be the followings;
- a. Juvenile classification home when sending to juvenile training school is sentenced.
- b. Probation office when probation is sentenced.
- 2. Others except above;

Public prosecutor's office handling the case

How can I request for an insurance compensation?

It is difficult for the police to deal with a request for a compensation directly because that is an act based on the Code of Civil Procedure.

But there are Mandatory Automobile Insurance and Voluntary Automobile Insurance as compensation system for traffic accidents.

1. Mandatory Automobile Insurance

Mandatory Automobile Insurance is that a car owner and the like has to contract to protect victims and their families.

(1) Victim's Claim

A victim and his/her family members may directly claim a compensation to the insurance company who contracts with an offender.

(2) Offender's Claim

Offender's side person such as an owner or a driver who paid for a victim may claim a compensation to the insurance company who contracts with the person.

(3) Legal maximum compensation of mandatory automobile insurance

- ODeath → ¥30.000.000
- OAftereffect → ¥750,000~40,000,000



2. Voluntary Automobile Insurance

Voluntary Automobile Insurance is that covers compensation which mandatory automobile insurance does not cover. As well as mandatory automobile insurance, a victim may claim a compensation to the insurance company who contracts with offender's side person.

3. Compulsory Automobile Liability Insurance

- Governmental policy

Compensation will be provided based on the governmental policy, in case you can't identify the offender of the accident or the offender doesn't have his/her insurance. Please contact to the insurance company about the procedure.

About support system based on Welfare and Taxation Law

1. Aid and Support system

(There is a possibility that following Allowance, Aid, Loan, Benefit and so on will be granted.)

(1) System by the Government Offices

Subject	Contents
Single-parent family	Allowance for dependent children, National federation of single parents and children's welfare
Needy households	Aid for living, Aid for education, Aid for housing expenses, Aid for medical expenses and so on according to the level of poverty

(2) System by Aid Organization, Support Organization and so on

Subject	Contents
National Agency for Automotive Safety & Victims' Aid (NASVA)	a. Loan without interest for a traffic orphan before the graduation of a junior high school b. Benefit of nursing expenses for a person who always needs nursing c. Life support consultation for children who lost their parents in a traffic accident [phone # 073-431-7337 (Wakayama branch office)]
Foundation for Orphans from Automobile Accident (Benefit of scholarship with a pension style)	Children under 16, who lost their parents in a traffic accident offer of contribution to funds will be provided benefit of scholarship till they become 19. (phone # 0120-16-3611)
Traffic orphan's scholarship foundation	Student loan for a traffic orphan who is a high school student and the senior (Phone # 03-3556-0771)

2. Support system on Taxation Law

(There is a possibility that following tax deduction from income will be granted.)

Name	Contents
Deduction for medical expenses	Remaining amount of medical expenses after deduction of received money from insurance
Deduction for handicapped persons	¥270,000 deduction for a person (In case of seriously handicapped, ¥400,000)
Deduction for widows/widowers	Basically ¥270,000 deduction for widows/widowers

**Please contact to the nearest tax office in details.