

To traffic accident victims and their families



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Wakayama version
"Kisyu no Gyutto-chan"

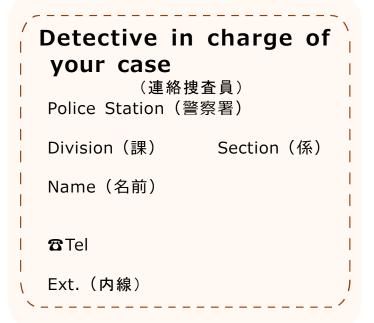
This leaflet provides the following information to victims.

- Police support services
- How police investigation and trial proceed, and how the perpetrator will be punished?
- Insurance and relief systems available to victims and their families
- What will the police ask you to investigate the case?

We hope this leaflet helps you.

Please feel freely to contact us

Victim Support Officer (被害者支援員) Police Station (警察署) Division (課) Section (係) Name (名前)



Crime Victim Support Office, Police General Consultation Division, Wakayama Prefectural Police Headquarters

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Victim Support Officers

Victim Support Officers provide various services for traffic accident victims and their families.

For example, officers accompany them to investigations to lighten their mental burden, explain about investigation progress and consult victims to ease their worries.

Victim Notification System

The detective in charge of your case will notify you of following information.

- Investigation progress
- O The suspect's name and age
- O The date and place of the traffic accident
- O The prosecutor's office where the police sent the suspect
- The disposition of the case
- O The location of the trial

etc.

* Some victims don't want to recall the case or to be informed of the progress of the investigation. If you don't want to be informed, feel freely to tell us.

Counseling support

Police provide counseling support service.

People who got involved in a traffic accident often lapse into a state of shock and notice some abnormality in their health. This may happen to everyone who were greatly shocked.

If you are interested in counseling, feel freely to ask the detective in charge of your case.

Our request

Please note that police may ask victims and their family members to cooperate following things to investigate the case.

[Police questioning] Investigators interview you about the traffic accident.

[Evidence submission] Police may ask you to submit victim's clothes or belongings as evidence to buck up our investigation.

[Attending on-site investigations] Theret is a possibility that you are asked to attend on-site investigation to explain about the traffic accident.

Car Insurance

There are "Mandatory Liability Insurance" and "Voluntary Automobile Insurance"

Each automobiles must be insured with "Mandatory Liability Insurance" to protect traffic accident victims and their families.

The coverage of Voluntary Automobile Insurance is much wider than Mandatory Liability Insurance.

Mandatory Liability Insurance	Comparison	Voluntary Automobile Insurance
Everyone must take out it (Obligation)	Taking out	Voluntary
Bodily injuries only	coverage	Bodily injuries and property damage
Death ¥30,000,000 (Max) Injury ¥1,200,000 (Max)	Payment limit	Depend on the insurance contract
Residual or permanent disability ¥750,000 - 40,000,000 (Based on severity of disability)		

Mandatory Liability Insurance

Compensation will be provided based on the governmental policy, in case you can't identify the offender of the accident, the offender doesn't have their insurance or the offender's car is a stolen car.

Please contact to the insurance company about the procedure.

Advisor's offices of traffic accidents

Police General Consultation Division, Wakayama Prefectural Police Headquarters

$$(073)$$
 $432 - 0110$ # 9110 (Abbreviated dialing)

Traffic Enforcement Division, Wakayama Prefectural Police Headquarters

(073)
$$473 - 0110$$
 (Main number of Traffic Center)

Traffic section of police stations in Wakayama

Wakayama Prefectural Traffic Accident Consultation Office

(073)
$$441 - 2359$$
 (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 ADR Center 0570 - 02 - 2808

Wakayama City Consultation Office (073) 435 - 1025 (Wakayama City Hall)

Kinokuni Victim Support Center (073) 427 – 1000

About support system based on Welfare Law and/or Taxation Law

1. Aid and support system

In some cases, victims can grant following allowance, aid loan, benefit and so on.

♦ Systems by the Government Office

[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 income.

◆ System by aid organizations, support organizations

[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

(There are conditions of income and so on)

c. Life support consultation for children who lost their parents in a traffic accident

[Traffic Orphan's Scholarship Foundation]

Student loan for a traffic accident orphan who is a high school student and the senior.

2. Support system on Taxation Law

In some cases, following tax deduction from income is available

[Deduction for medical expenses]

Remaining amount of medical expenses after deduction of received money from insurance

[Deduction for challenged persons]

¥270,000 deduction for a person (In case of seriously challenged, ¥400,000)

[Deduction for widows/widowers]

Basically \(\frac{4}{2}70,000\) deduction for widows/widowers

* Please contact to the nearest tax office in details.

Support by the public prosecutor's office and the court

Victim Notification System

(For further inquiries: The public prosecutor's office in charge of your case)

When victims and their families wish, they will be notified of following information by the public prosecutor's office.

- O The disposition of the case
- O The date and place of trial
- O The outcome of the trial
- O Circumstances of the offender, the charge against the offender, the reason of non-indictment

etc.

Victim Participation System

(For further inquiries: The public prosecutor's office in charge of your case)

Victims and their bereaved families damaged by an intentional offense (murder, bodily injury etc.) or negligent driving causing death or injury are able to attend the criminal trial as "victim participants." Examples of this system are as follows.

- O You can ask the defendant (s) or witness (es).
- O You can express your opinion regarding the penalty or the criminal fact.

Restitution Order System

(For further inquiries: The court in charge of your case)

Victims or their bereaved can request the court to order the criminal defendant (s) to pay compensation of damages caused by a intentional offense (murder, bodily injury etc.)

Victim observer of the juvenile trial

(For further inquiries: The family court in charge of your case)

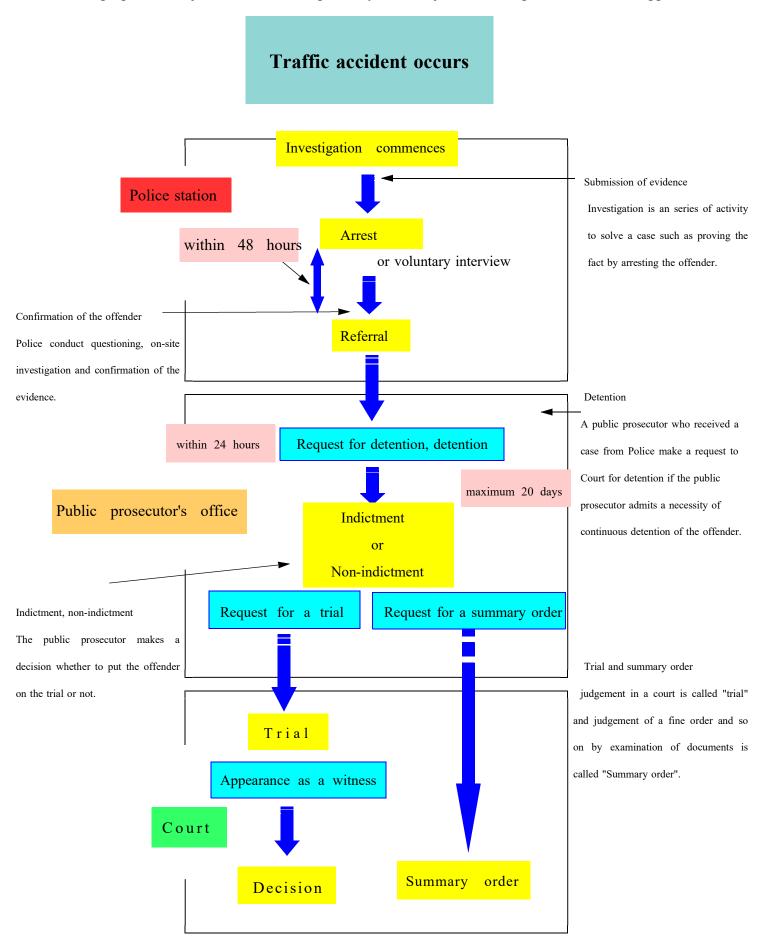
Victims or their bereaved damaged by a intentional offense (murder, bodily injury etc.) or negligent driving causing death or injury may be allowed to be present in the family court.

Family court provide explanation service about the trial for victim observers.

Consultation organizations	Consultation services	Phone number
Wakayama District Public	Damage caused by a crime	0 7 3 - 4 2 2 - 4 0 2 9
Prosecutor's Office	Inquiry about criminal cases	
(Victim Hotline)		
Wakayama District Court	Restitution Order System	0 7 3 - 4 2 2 - 4 1 9 1
Wakayama Family Court	Victim observer of the juvenile trial	073-422-4191
Japan Legal Support Center	Legal information	050-3383-5457
(Houterasu)	Civil law support	

Criminal procedure against adult perpetrators of traffic accidents is as follows.

*When a perpetrator is juvenile, there is a possibity that the juvenile trial procedure will be applied.



WORRY LIST

Write your worries and use this note to consult with police or other consultation services.

Daily li	fe (housework, childcare)
Economic 1	hings
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Work, scl	nool
Myself, my	
Public supp	port/system
Others	