

Information for crime victims

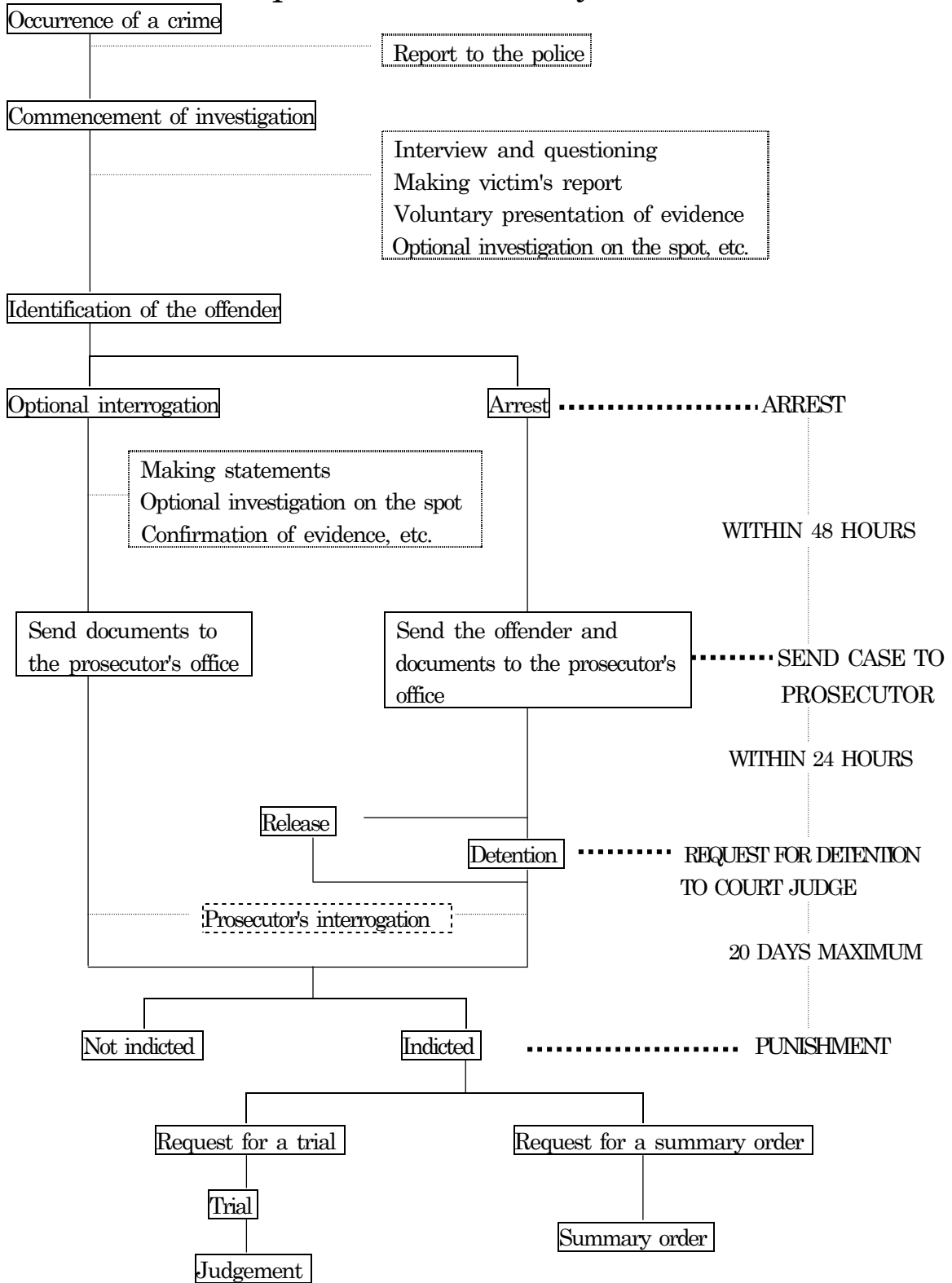


This leaflet provides the following information in order to support victims.

- Procedures of investigations, trials, punishments of offenders, and cooperation required during the procedures.
- Victim support services available to victims.

IBARAKI PREFECTURAL POLICE

Outline of procedures for a judicial offender



※ Different procedures may be applied according to the juvenile hearing system or the Juvenile Act, to an offender under the age of 20.

Request to victims

For your own safety and to prevent other people from suffering from the same sort of criminal incidents as you have, we sometimes need to ask victims several requests for investigative purposes. Your cooperation to the following procedures would be much appreciated.

Interview and questioning

When a victim reports a criminal incident to the police, the investigator in charge will question the victim about the details of the incident as well as the details of the offender. The victim is also requested at times to go through an interview by a public prosecutor, which is an important procedure for the prosecutor to determine whether or not to indict the offender.

Voluntary presentation of evidence

Victims are sometimes requested to submit personal belongings like clothes or any carry-on items that the victim had at the time of the incident. Those items will be used in trials as convincing evidence, although this procedure is optional and up to the victim. Those impounded items are usually returned to the victim after the investigation is terminated.

Presence at the investigation on the spot

Victims are sometimes requested to be present at the scene of the criminal incident. Although this procedure may take up some time, this is an essential procedure for the police to investigate the overall circumstances of the scene of the crime.

Victims assistance and relief system

Law assistance organization

This is a corporate organization to function as a central core of comprehensive law assistance to realize a community where citizens benefit from necessary information and law assistance to settle legal disputes. This organization provides information regarding victim assistance and civil case law assistance including free consultation service for those who have financial problem.

Japan Judicial Support Center

Victim Support dial number 057-079714

<http://www.houterasu.or.jp>

Civil case compensation claim system

A Criminal offense fulfills an illegal civil conduct and it is in contravention of the Article 709 and the following articles of the Civil Code, and a victim is entitled to apply and demand the offender and other persons concerned to indemnify the victim. This compensation system will be conducted according to the civil procedures based on the Civil Procedure Code, and the police is not authorized to be involved directly in the above system.

You are recommended to contact the following organization for legal consultation regarding civil lawsuits. You are advised to book for an appointment and you will be charged for your consultation.

Ibaraki-ken Bengoshi-kai Houritsu Soudan Center

(Ibaraki Bar Association Consultation Center)

Mito Office : Phone 029-227-1133 (Monday to Friday, 13:00 –16:00)

Tsuchiura Office : Phone 029-821-0122 (Monday to Friday, 9:00 –17:00)

Lawsuit assistance system against organized crimes

A victim who wishes to apply for a civil lawsuit to demand indemnity for the damage caused by a member (members) of organized crime groups is, in some specific cases, entitled to apply for a loan for the lawsuit and receive other assistance provided by Ibaraki-ken Bouryoku Tsuihou Suishin Center (Ibaraki Anti-Violence Promotion Center).

Consultation service provided by the members of the above Anti-Violence Center is available.

If you need any assistance, you are recommended to contact

Ibaraki-ken Bouryoku Tsuihou Suishin Center

(Ibaraki Anti-Violence Promotion Center)

3rd Floor, Sannomaru Government Office, 1-5-38 Sannomaru, Mito City

Phone 029-228-0893

Consultation/Counseling Organizations

Some victims are shocked so terribly that they feel unbearable anxiety or lose control over their emotions.

If you are suffering from those conditions, you may contact the organizations mentioned below to ask for an interview, telephone consultation, or counseling.

Name and address of organization	Phone number
Ibaraki Victim Support Center Telephone consultation service: Monday to Friday 10:00-16:00 Court attendant service is available.	029-232-2736
Ibaraki Crisis Center (hotline for would-be suicides) • Mito City Branch: 13:00-20:00 • Tsukuba City Branch: 24 hours	029-255-1000 029-855-1000
Ibaraki Counseling Center Address: 14F Sangyokaikan bldg. 2-2-35 Sakuragawa, Mito City Monday to Saturday 10:00-18:00, Prior booking essential, pay service.	029-225-8580
Ibaraki Adolescent Healthcare Association Address: 1F Mito-shi Ishikaikan bldg. 993-17 Kasahara-cho, Mito City Telephone consultation service: Saturday 13:00-17:00 Interview consultation service: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. 9:30-17:00, prior booking essential, pay service.	029-305-7563
Prefectural Mental Health Welfare Center Address: 993-2 Kasahara-cho, Mito City Telephone consultation service: 9:00-16:00 Interview: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, prior booking essential, pay service.	029-244-0556 029-243-2870
Ibaraki Prefectural Welfare Consultation Center Address: Sannomaru Government Office 1-5-38 Sannomaru, Mito City Telephone consultation service: 9:00-24:00 (Everyday except for year end and new year holidays) Interview consultation service: 8:30-17:15, prior booking essential.	029-221-4992
	Women-only hot-line 029-221-4166
	Hitachi Branch 0294-22-0294
	Rokko Branch 0291-33-4111
Ibaraki Prefectural Tsuchiura Children's Consultation Center Ibaraki Prefectural Chikusei Children's Consultation Center Telephone consultation service: Monday to Friday, 8:30-17:15	029-821-4595 0296-24-1614

Consultation Services of the Police

Support and relief services are also available at the police headquarters and police stations. These services are provided by counseling specialists or law enforcement officers in charge of victim assistance.

Headquarters of Ibaraki Prefectural Police Phone(Main number): 029-301-0110
<http://www.pref.ibaraki.jp/kenkei/>

☆ Police General Consultation Center (Consultation on a variety of matters)

Phone: 029-301-9110

☆ Hot-line for victimized women

Phone: 029-301-0278

☆ Juvenile Consultation Service

Phone: 029-301-0900

☆ Consultation Office for victims of sexual molestation

Phone: 029-221-2714

Crime Victim Benefits System

This system was established with an aim to relieve the psychological and financial damage inflicted on victims and victims' families who received no governmental support or compensation from offenders in spite of the serious damage of intentional crimes, sudden death, severe injuries or physical disability by allowing national government's Crime Victim Benefits based on the spirit of social solidarity and mutual aid.

For further details, please contact

Crime Victim Support Office, Police Administration Division,

Headquarters of Ibaraki Prefectural Police

Phone(Main number): 029-301-0110

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Police Station

Address:

Phone:

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