

2. Crime Victim Week (Sat 25 Nov – Fri 1 Dec)

During this week there will be panel exhibitions up at both City Hall Offices (in Japanese).

Victims of crime are not only harmed by the crime itself, they also face a variety of ongoing issues. In order for them to reclaim their peaceful daily lives, it is important for the people around them to understand the situations facing crime victims and their families.

Issues Faced by Victims of Crime

In addition to the direct harm from crime such as injury, loss of property, and even loss of life, crime victims and their families also face a variety of ongoing issues. These issues are collectively referred to as “secondary harm”.

Secondary Harm

- Psychological trauma and health problems resulting from the incident.
- Financial difficulties due to medical fees, job loss, changing jobs, etc.
- Emotional and time burdens of investigations and legal proceedings
- Psychological trauma from local gossip, mass media coverage, etc.

Psychological trauma is one of the most serious types of secondary harm. The harm caused by crime often leaves victims in a continuous state of shock, affecting both mind and body. This is not abnormal, it can happen to anyone who experiences sudden, extreme trauma.

Psychological Trauma

Psychological responses: Fear, Self-blame, Anxiety, Lethargy, Loneliness, Rage

Physical responses: Tenseness, Palpitations, Insomnia, Loss of appetite

Sensory responses: Emotional and sensory numbness, Impaired memory and judgement.



The people around victims of crime should make efforts to understand their feelings and refrain from blaming them or trying to force them to cheer up. The understanding, empathy, and support of the people around them is important in helping victims of crime to recover from their emotional wounds.

General Support Center for Victims of Crime (situated within the Citizen Safety & Security Division)

We provide information about various support measures and put victims in touch with organizations to fit their situations.

☎ 054-221-1272 (Mon-Fri, 09:00-17:00) *Closed on public holidays and the year-end/New Year season

Don't worry alone, give us a call!

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