



4. Aiming for Zero Crime: Crime Prevention for a Safe and Secure Community

“National Community Safety Initiative” Underway from Fri 11 to Sat 20 October!

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The number of reported crimes* in Shizuoka City had been decreasing yearly since 2000 but increased in 2023 for the first time in 23 years. In order to create a community where everyone can feel safe and secure and no one has to worry about crime, it is important for city government, police, and community members to come together as one to protect the communities we live in.

*Reports received by police of crimes stipulated in the Penal Code.

Beware of scams!

Recently, investment and romance scams using social media are on the increase. They affect not only the elderly but young people as well. It is important to take countermeasures to avoid becoming a victim.

- If you receive a phone call, email or DM regarding cash, your cash card, or investment opportunities, consult with your family or the police.
- Never hand cash or cards to a stranger.
- We recommend installing a recording device or a device to block unwanted calls. (The city rents out recording devices which have proven to be effective against scams over the phone. Conditions apply)

Regarding social media scams:

www.pref.shizuoka.jp/police/kurashi/bohan/sagi/2006755.html



Help prevent common crimes like bicycle theft!

There were 712 reported cases of bicycle theft in 2023, amounting to about a fifth of all reported crimes. About 80% (545 cases) involved bicycles that were left unlocked. Many bicycle thefts occur in parking lots, but they also occur outside of people's homes. Always lock your bicycle when leaving it unattended. In addition to the back wheel lock found on many bicycles, we recommend that you use a chain lock as well to “double lock” your bicycle.



Let's protect the children as a community!

Instances of children being approached or followed, and appearances of suspicious individuals are common. It is important for the community as a whole, to watch out for children and protect them from criminals. Shizuoka Prefecture has made 11 June and 11 October “Enhanced Child Protection Day”. In addition to volunteering as a crossing guard for kids on their way to school, let's all help out by keeping a lookout during our daily lives, such as while out shopping, walking, working, etc.



Working together towards a safer community

City staff and community group members conduct “Blue Crime Prevention Patrols” in vehicles with a blue light on top. Even little communication initiatives such as greeting your neighbors helps to create an environment that repels would-be criminals. Many small acts by community members add up to reduce crime in the area and build a crime-resistant community.



Why Not Take Part in “Shizuoka Crime Prevention Patrols”?

We currently have 1300 registered crime prevention volunteers keeping a lookout in their communities while wearing the characteristic green armband. We would love to have you too. Online registration: www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s9623/s000016.html



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