

Guide to victims

～To the victims of traffic accident～

The aim of this leaflet is to provide you and your family who had traffic accident with more information to understand the followings:

- What kind of requests do the police ask the victims and the family
- How investigations and trials are conducted
- What kind of support system which victims and their family may use



Police officer in charge If you have any concerns, questions or requests, feel free to contact us.

☐ _____ police station _____ section
☐ Express way Traffic Police Unit

Person in charge

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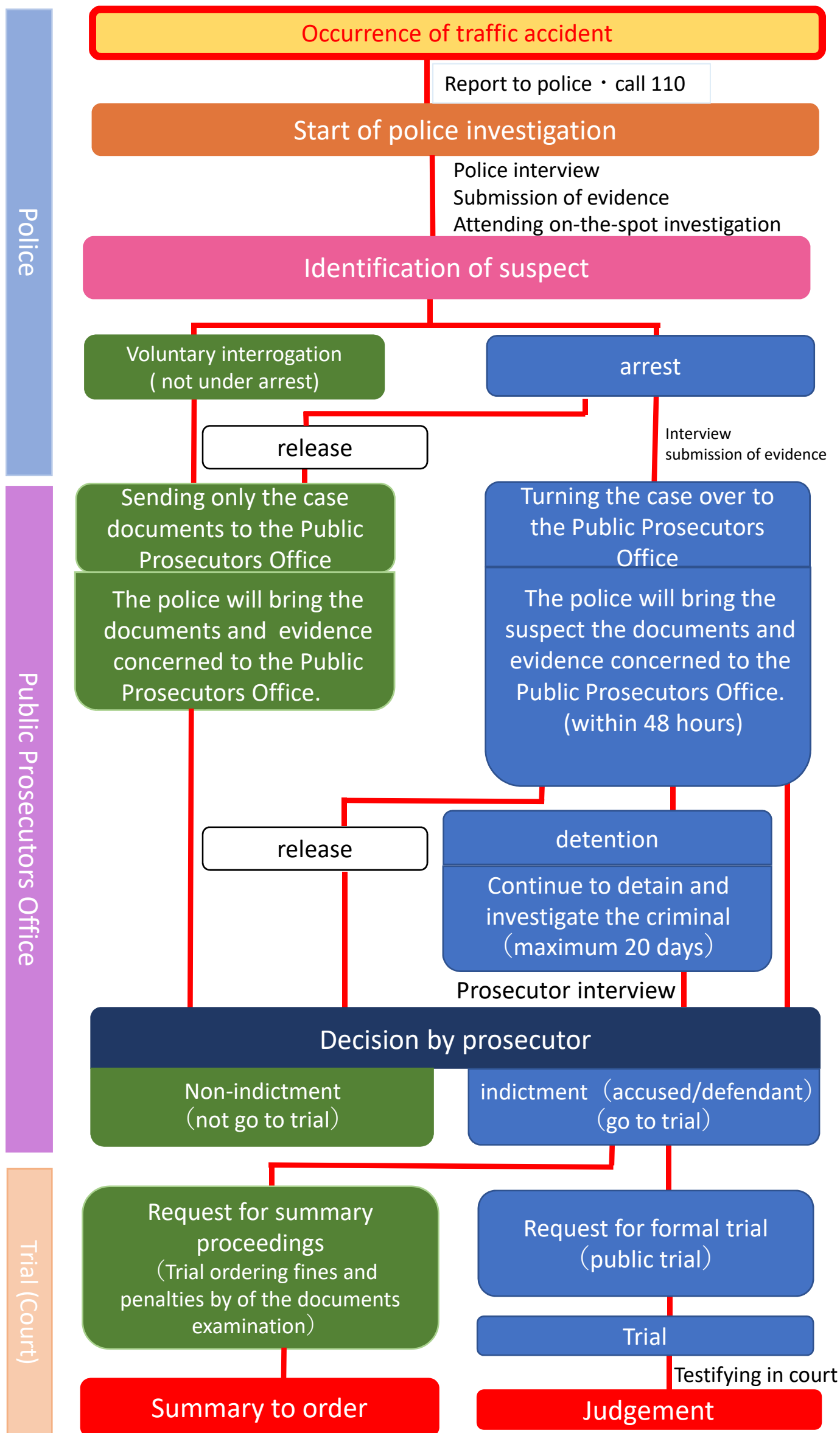
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Nagasaki Prefecture Police

Flowchart of criminal procedure



Support staff will assist you

The police will assist you with support staff (police officer) immediately after the incident occurred,

- Attending during the investigation
- Handling the problems and requests caused by incident
- Explanation and procedures of various support systems
- Introduce and takeover of related organizations



In addition, for very serious traffic accidents, the police officer in charge will inform you the followings:

- ▷ Information about the perpetrator of the accident
 - address, name and age of perpetrator
 - date, time and place of traffic accident
 - Investigation status
- ▷ Information about the processing of the perpetrator of the accident
 - Arrest status of perpetrators
 - name of transferred Public Prosecutors Office, the result of prosecution, non-indictment, a name of the indicted court

There is a mental expert.

The police has a counseling system by counselor in our department and by counselor who belongs to Nagasaki prefecture Clinical Psychologist Association.

If you have any concerns, such as,

- can't sleep well, have no appetite
- can't go to school or work

please contact the support staff in charge.

The counselling fee will covered as public expense, however it will have the limit under the certain requirement.



System for Victims to Participate in Criminal Court, and Other Systems

The Victims Participating System

When falling victim to intentional offenses (e.g., Dangerous driving fatal injury murder, Car driving negligence fatal injury), which have resulted in the death or bodily injury, the victim and his or her family are entitled to participate in the criminal trial only when they are granted the status of "victim participant" by the court.

Such authorized victim participants are able to appear before the judge on the day of court, question the witnesses involved or the defendant under a given set of conditions, and state his/her opinions on the facts presented or the laws applied.



Information can be provided to related organizations.

Even if only Police cannot respond to the requests of the victims and their families, or if you are having trouble with other things and do not know which organization to approach, you can consult with the support staff in charge and they will connect you to the appropriate related organization.

In case of the following, Police will pass the information in advance on your behalf (e.g. victim's personal info, outline of incident, requests etc.) and therefore, you can receive support at related organization smoothly.

- If you want to have a legal advice from a lawyer who is familiar with victim support.
- If you want to go to the city hall for procedures and consultation, but you are worried about the other people's eyes

『Nagasaki Crime Victim Support Center』 is specified as a quick response aid group for crime victims by Nagasaki Prefectural Public Safety Commission.

The support staff of Nagasaki Crime Victim Support Center will assist you even if your concern cannot be dealt with the police such as:

- Introduction of the lawyer who is familiar with victim support
- Attendance at courts and law firms



The Court-appointed Lawyers for Victims System

The victim and his/her family, once authorized as such a victim participant, are entitled to ask a lawyer to act as proxy for him/her upon such occasions of appearing in court or questioning the defendant and others.

Even if the victim's financial capacity is short of JPY 2 million, the victim is still able to ask the court to appoint a lawyer (the so-called "lawyer for victim participation") for him/her.

The lawyer's contingency fees and other expenses will be paid by the Government of Japan.



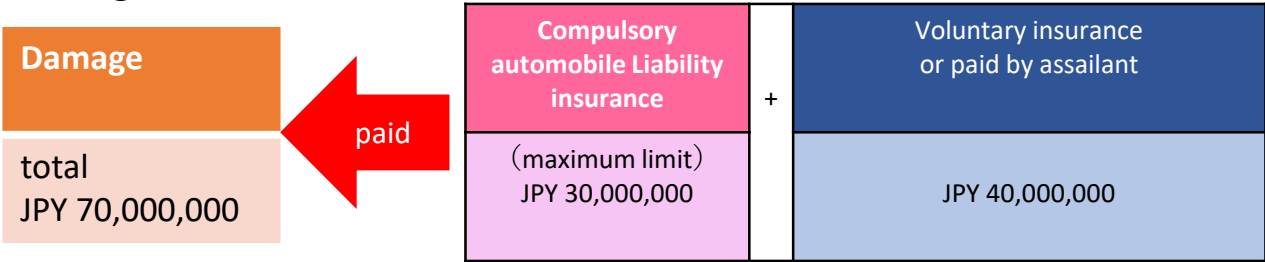
Car insurance

There is compulsory automobile liability insurance and voluntary insurance in car insurance.

Category	Compulsory automobile Liability insurance		Voluntary insurance
Join	Must (duty)		Optional
Subject	Only against person		Against person and property
Payment limit	Death	JPY 30,000,000	Compensation up to the limit of the insurance contract
	injured	JPY 1,200,000	
	Damages caused by aftereffects	JPY 750,000~40,000,000 (officially assessed on a scale of 1 to 14 in the disability level range)	

In the case of personal injury, in principle it is covered by the compulsory automobile liability insurance, and the amount of damage exceeding the compensation amount will be covered by voluntary insurance.

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Traffic accident counseling office

Specialized counselors provide advice from a fair and neutral standpoint to help solve problems related to traffic accidents such as settlements, claims for damages, negligence rates, and insurance.

Nagasaki prefecture traffic accident counseling office Mon to Fri 9:00-16:00
c/o Nagasaki prefecture office 3-1, Onoue-machi, Nagasaki-shi
tel:095-824-1111

Guarantee payment of Government

The following cases will not be covered by Compulsory automobile Liability insurance such as

- The victim was injured in a hit-and-run accident, and there is no information about who did it.
- He or she who caused a traffic accident is not a policy holder of the CALI (or CALFI).

In above cases, there is a system called automobile damage compensation business in which the government (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism) compensates for damages in order to help victims. For more information, please contact the non-life insurance company.

Request for cooperation with the investigation.



The police may ask you to cooperate with the necessary investigation to clarify perpetrators wrong-doing, such as the condition of accident and the cause.

Interview

Our traffic officer may ask you about how the accident has happened, or the circumstances before and after the accident in details.



On-the-spot investigation

The police may ask you to attend on-the-spot investigation to clarify the condition of accident and the cause.

The Submission of the evidence product

For the verification of a traffic accident, we might ask you to submit, material evidence, the clothes you were wearing or the belongings and the car at the moment of the traffic accident.



If you feel sick or inconvenient while cooperating, please do not hesitate to contact the investigator (police officer) in charge.