



National Police Agency



# Crime prevention

*Guide*

# for Foreigners



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# Unknowingly Committed Crimes



**01** Weapons such as knives, metal bars, hacksaws or other weapons that can cause serious harm to human life or body must not be carried without convincing reason.

- Carrying weapons for the purpose of committing crimes such as violence · bodily injury · intimidation · arrest · imprisonment · coercion · threaten will receive heavier punishments.
- Posting ‘murder notice or knife crime notice’ on SNS will receive punishments.

**02** Person who related to Drug crimes such as manufacturing, smuggling, owning and administering will be punished severely, and will become subject of compulsory expulsion.

- Drug is a generic term for drugs, antipsychotic pharmaceutical preparations and hemp.
- The Korean National Police Agency is executing tough and intensive crackdown on drug related crimes such as illegal supply of drugs drug use by foreigners drug offenders on the internet (dark web) and the SNS.
- Especially, it will be punished strictly when smuggling and distributing drugs using international mailing · postal service.

**03** It is a gambling act subjected to severe punishment, if you compete for profit in property with infraction of the laws.

- You must not provide a place for gambling. You will be subjected to severe punishment equivalent to gambling actions.

**04** Actions such as illegal photography and transmission of sexual exploitation materials will receive heavy punishments.

- Even if there is no physical contact, ① the act of transmitting sexually shameful or disgusting words of photographs via the internet or mobile phone ② filming or distributing the body of another person without consent ③ possession · purchase · storage · viewing of illegal film is a crime.

**05** You will receive heavy punishment when approaching to someone or someone’s family unwillingly without good reason, or causing fears and anxiety using communication network. It is considered as a stalking.

## Unknowingly Committed Crimes

**06** Taking possession of **properties which does not show ownership** from the streets can be punished for **theft or embezzlement of lost articles**.

**07** Overseas money transfer between individuals without using a foreign financial institution is **violation of foreign currency law**, punishable as a serious crime.

**08** Foreigners over the age of 17 must always carry a form of identification (Passport, alien registration card). Failure to do so can result in a fine (less than 1 million KRW).

- You will receive punishment when using other person's identification card or using false identity, on an obstruction of justice charge.

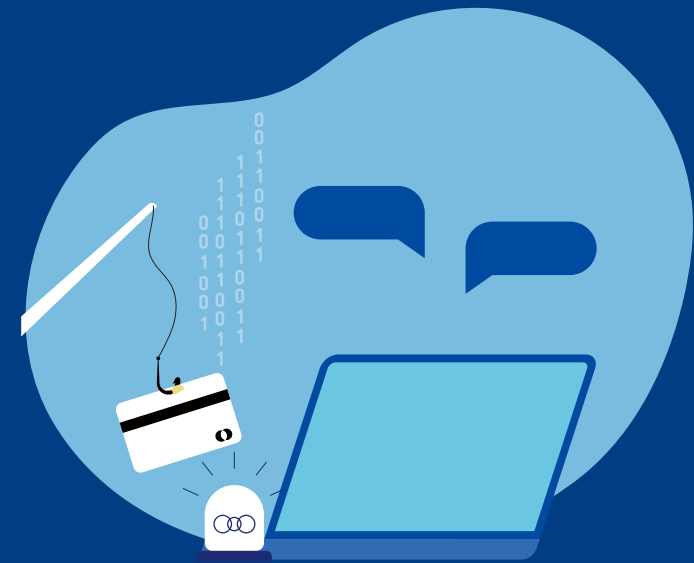
**09** In the event of driving a vehicle · motorcycle · electric scooter **without driver's license** is severely punished for **driving whilst disqualified**.

- You will result in fines when not wearing safety helmets and not fastening seat belt when driving.
- You will result in fines when 2 people are using 1 electric scooter together.
- In the event of driving while under the influence of alcohol is severely punished.
- In the event of driving an automobile for which ownership has not been legally transferred (so called 'Daepocha') is punished.

**10** You need to **take precautions** since the penalty or fine can be charged in case of a **violation of basic regulations**.

- Do not throw away cigarettes, chewing gum and trash.
- Do not spit in public places or smoke in non-smoking areas.
- You should use pedestrian overpass or crosswalk (greenlight) when crossing the road.
- You must not unsettle or revolt purposely by blocking the way without good reason, directing your complaint against a person, gathering in crowds, following on the kibes of someone and using other intimidating words or actions.

## How to prevent and cope with crimes in daily life



## 01 Fraud (Illegal pyramid sale, telephone financial fraud, smishing, internet frauds, etc.)

- **Telephone financial fraud** | It is a representative financial fraud snatching money by impersonating public or financial institution.
  - Do not answer when someone ask for account transfer · cash delivery or request personal information including account number · card number · resident registration number.
  - Report to the police immediately right after the damage to contact with financial institution and suspend account temporarily.
  - The subordinates of a fraud group such as the roles of drawing cash and telemarketer at the call center can be punished as severely as a fraud offender.

### Damage cases of voice fishing

- Demanding cash payment with kidnapping as the pretext by inducing a situation in which the family member(child) is not able to answer the phone call.
  - Demanding cash payment with involvement in crime and disclosure of personal information as the pretext by pretending to be an official of a law enforcement agency such as the prosecution or the police.
  - Demanding cash payment with redemption of existing loan and fees as the pretext by alluring you with promise of providing loan by pretending to be a financial institution.
  - Demanding cash payment under the pretext of deferment in the payment by pretending to be a credit card or telecommunication company.
- **Smishing** | It is a crime which sends text message(or email) containing malicious app address to guide the user to download the malicious app in order to snatch financial information (personal information).
    - If text messages sent from acquaintances contain an internet address, call them before clicking to check, and strengthen security settings to prevent the unauthorized instillation of unverified apps on your smart-phone to avoid damage.
  - **Internet trade fraud** | This way of crime never send the product or send the wrong product even though the customer paid for the product.
    - You should use the safe trade web site when having transactions between individuals. The other party's information (phone number · account number) should be checked before transactions.
    - National Police Agency(www.police.go.kr) or A Cyber cop(mobile app) can help you to find damage report history of internet fraud or report damage.
  - **Illegal pyramid** | Refrain from direct transactions of goods in which the consumer becomes the seller without using normal wholesale and retail sales distribution levels.
    - You should refuse to purchase or signing the contract when gathering members and investors in return of high profits, encouraging buying spree, forced purchase, and loans, and when advertising products lyingly or exaggeratingly as high quality and selling at a more expensive price.

### Verification inquires of registered legal businesses

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| - Fair Trade Commission                      | www.ftc.go.kr, 1670-0007 (caller paid service) |
| - Direct Sales Mutual Aid Association        | www.macco.or.kr, 02-566-1202                   |
| - Korea Special Sales Mutual Aid Association | www.kossa.or.kr, 02-2058-0831~8                |

## 02 Domestic violence

- **Domestic violence** | It is an afflictive act that intentionally carried. One of the family members including husband and wife, parents and child, brothers and sisters and other family living together use violence or physical force and abusing physically or mentally.
  - If domestic violence happens to you, do not hesitate to contact the police, family, neighbors or friends for help.
  - ※ Obtain the proof of violence such as photos or medical certificates, and contact the domestic violence counseling organizations including women's organizations and the rehab centers (Consultation hot line for Women 1366 / Danuri helpline 1577-1366)

## 03 Sexual crimes

- **Sexual crimes** | It contains all sexual behaviors including physical · verbal · mental violence which never consider other's opinion.
  - If you have been the victim of sexual assault, report to 112 immediately. (Do not take a shower and keep the clothes and underwear you were wearing at the time unwashed.)
  - If someone around you has been the victim of sexual assault, listen to what they tell you and report to the police.
  - 'Hot line for Women (1366)' and 'Danuri helpline (1577-1366)' can help you too.
- **Digital sexual crime** | It contains secretly filming someone's body which can cause sexual appetite or a shame, threatening and forcing to film and spreading · sharing the video without the party's agreement.
  - When you become a victim of digital sexual crime, do not delete the corroborative facts and save it to report to police with fact of damage.

## How to prevent and cope with crimes in daily life

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### 04 Dating abuse

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- **Dating abuse** | It is an abuse between lovers, contains physical·mental abuse.

· Don't hesitate to report to police, relatives· neighbors· friends to ask for a help.

### 05 School violence

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- **School violence** | It means the actions that may cause physical, psychological or property damages due to violence, threatening, and bullying within and outside the school.

· Don't hesitate to report to teacher· parents· police when you are in trouble.

· Do not use the alley and dangerous places alone and report damages, such as having their belongings being taken away through violence, immediately to the police.

### 06 Prevention of missing children

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- **Missing children** | They were under 18 when they were missing because they were captured·attracted or abandoned, had an accident, ran away from their home, or got lost and came to break away from their protector.

· Teach your child not to follow strangers even though they act in a familiar way, and to shout for help if they are being taken forcefully.

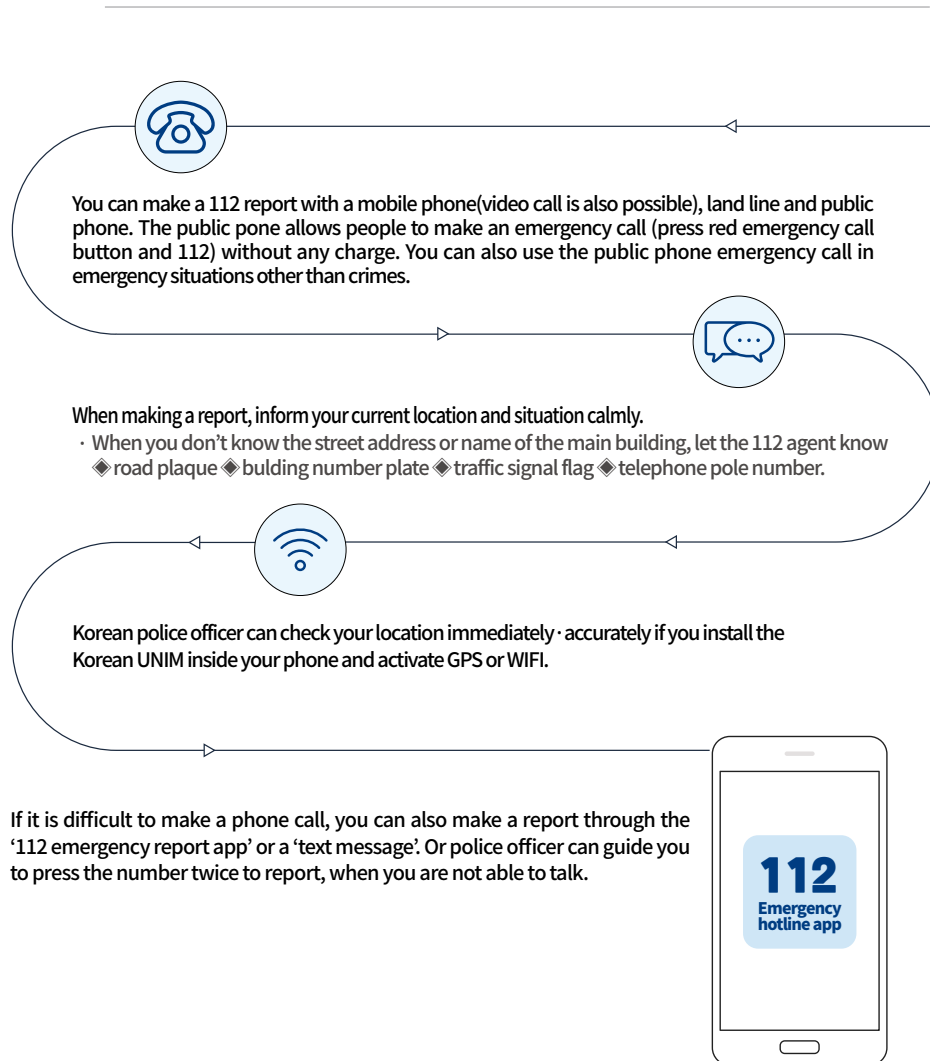
· Teach your child to remember his or her name, age, address, telephone number and parents name. Try to remember their clothing before going out.

· It is available to register child's fingerprints and body features at the nearest police station.

## How to report a crime



## 01 Call 112 for prompt assistance if you have witnessed or are the victim of a crime.



## 02 Interpretation is provided when reporting a crime (damage) and for civil appeals in order to assist foreigners who are not fluent in Korean.

- When a foreigner makes a 112 report, it will be filed in the format of a 3-party interpretation service (police-interpreter-reporter). Police officer on site can help to use interpreting service immediately.

Interpreter service	Details
<b>National Police Agency 112 Interpreter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Management</b> : National Police Agency</li> <li>· <b>Hours of operation</b> : 3-party interpretation available/ 09:00~21:00 on weekdays</li> <li>· <b>Languages</b> : English (02-6150-1101), Chinese (02-6150-1102) (2 languages)</li> </ul>
<b>Foreign tourist information (1330)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Management</b> : Korea Tourism Organization</li> <li>· <b>Hours of operation</b> : 3-party interpretation /24 hours for English · Chinese · Japanese/ 08:00~19:00 for other 5 languages (365 days)</li> <li>· <b>Languages</b> : English, Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese, Thai, Malaysian and Indonesian (8 languages)</li> </ul>
<b>Danuri Call Center (1577-1366)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Management</b> : Ministry of Gender Equality and Family</li> <li>· <b>Hours of operation</b> : 3-party interpretation available/ 24 hours for English · Chinese · Vietnamese · Tagalog/08:00~21:00 for other 9 languages (365 days)</li> <li>· <b>Languages</b> : English · Chinese · Japanese · Russian · Vietnamese · Thai · Mongolian · Tagalog · Cambodian · Uzbek · Lao · Nepali (12 languages)</li> </ul>
<b>General information center for foreigners (1345)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Management</b> : Ministry of Justice-Korea Immigration Service</li> <li>· <b>Hours of operation</b> : 3-party interpretation available/ English/Chinese 9A.M to 10P.M. / Other 17 languages 9A.M to 6P.M (weekdays)</li> <li>· <b>Languages</b> : English, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Vietnamese, Thai, Indonesian, Mongolian, Tagalog, Cambodian, Arabic, Nepali, French, Spanish, Burmese, Bengali, Sinhala, Urdu, German (19 languages)</li> </ul>
<b>BBB Korea (1588-5644)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Management</b> : Non-profit organization (private)</li> <li>· <b>Hours of operation</b> : 3-party interpretation available/ 24 hours (365 days)</li> <li>· <b>Languages</b> : English, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Vietnamese, Thai, Malaysian, Indonesian, Mongolian, Arabic, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Swedish, Polish, Italy, German, Turkish, Hindi, Swahili (20 languages)</li> </ul>

# Hotline for help



Reporting crime and emergency calls	
Crime report (National Police Agency)	112
School violence report center (National Police Agency)	117
Fire · emergencies · emergency rescue report (Fire Department)	119
Hacking · spam · private information infringement report (KISA)	118
Emergency consultation line for women (Ministry of Gender Equality and Family)	1366
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# Support Policy for Foreign Residents



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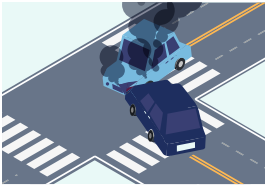
## 01 The police are implementing the 「Waiver of Notice of Illegal Immigrants」 in alliance with the Ministry of Justice in order to protect crime victims and the human rights of foreign migrants in Korea.

- The 「Waiver of Notice of Illegal Immigrants」 is a program that allows the police not to notify the personal information about an illegal immigrant to the local immigration authorities if the immigrant reports a crime committed against himself or herself to the police.
- Even after the incident closure, police would never report the fact of illegal immigrants to foreign immigration office.
- Following are targeted crimes.



### Criminal law

Murder, bodily injury · assault, bodily injury by negligence, abandonment · abuse, arrest/confinement, intimidation, kidnapping · abduction, rape · harassment, obstruction from exercise of a right, theft/robbery, fraud · threat



### Special act

Punishment of violence and other act, act of special cases concerning the punishment and others of sexual crimes, act on special cases concerning the settlement of traffic accidents, act on the punishment of arrangement of commercial sex acts and others, and employment security act (article 46)

※ Target of dispensing obligation of notification can be checked from information center for foreigner of Ministry of Justice (☎1345, week days 09:00~22:00).

