

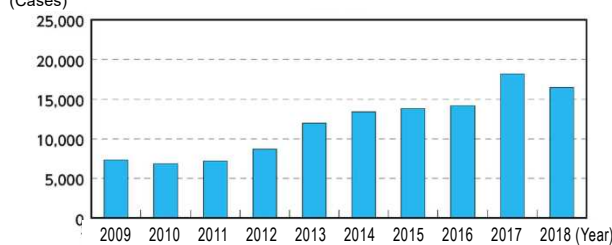
Topic II: Special Frauds Status and New Efforts to Prevent Damages against the Elderly Victims

(1) Special Frauds Status

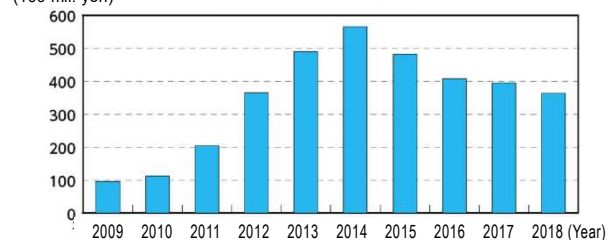
Although both the number of cases known for special frauds and the amount of damage suffered by special frauds cases in 2018 decreased from the previous year, the situation is still serious, with damages amounting to approximately 100 million yen per day, mainly among the elderly.

Trends in No. of Cases Known and Amount of Damage for Special Frauds (2009 - 2018)

(Cases) No. of cases known



(100 mil. yen) Amount of damage



Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Category										
No. of Cases Known	7,340	6,888	7,216	8,693	11,998	13,392	13,824	14,154	18,212	16,496

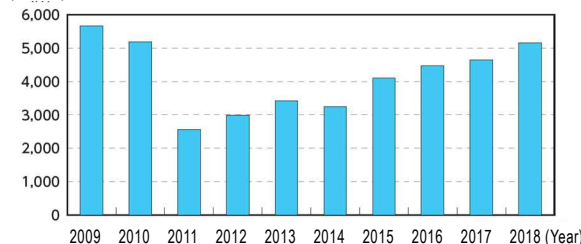
Note: The number of special frauds other than remittance frauds has been compiled since February 2010.

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Category										
Amount of Damage (100 Mil yen)	95.8	112.5	204.0	364.4	489.5	565.5	482.0	407.7	394.7	363.9

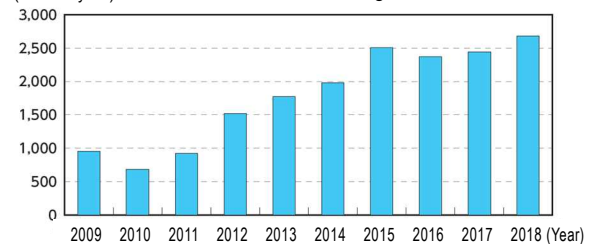
In addition to past efforts such as the “Damasaretahuri Operation” which a victim pretended to be taken in to lure a perpetrator into picking up money under surveillance of investigators and crackdown on crime bases, the police are promoting a multifaceted crackdown on organized and quasi-organized criminal groups (Boryokudan, Jun-Boryokudan, etc.) suspected to be behind special frauds cases.

Trends in No. of Cases Cleared and Arrested Perpetrators for Special Frauds (2009 - 2018)

(Cases) No. of Cases Known



(100 mil. yen.) Amount of Damage



Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Category										
No. of Cases Cleared	5,669	5,189	2,556	2,990	3,419	3,252	4,112	4,471	4,644	5,159

Note: The number of non-remittance special frauds has been compiled since January 2011.

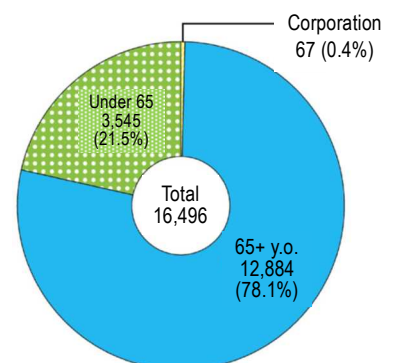
Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Category										
No. of Persons Arrested	955	686	923	1,523	1,774	1,985	2,506	2,369	2,448	2,686

The percentage of the elderly (65+ y.o.) among all victims of special frauds (elderly rate) remains at a high level. The elderly rate increased to 78.1% in 2018. In particular, it's extremely high (96.9%) in the case of “It’s Me” fraud, which is committed by the impersonation of a relative. With the case of “refund fraud,” the rate among the elderly was 84.6%. Therefore, prevention against damage to the elderly is an urgent issue.

Trends in the Elderly Rate of Victims of Special Frauds (2014 - 2018)

Category		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Special Frauds (Person)	No. of Victims	13,392	13,824	14,154	18,212	16,496
	No. of the Elderly (Elderly Rate %)	10,573 (79.0)	10,641 (77.0)	11,062 (78.2)	13,196 (72.5)	12,884 (78.1)
Remittance Fraud	"It's Me" Fraud	No. of Victims	5,557	5,828	5,753	8,496
		No. of the Elderly (Elderly Rate %)	5,121 (92.2)	5,506 (94.5)	5,518 (95.9)	8,171 (96.2)
	Billing Fraud	No. of victims	3,180	4,097	3,742	5,753
		No. of the Elderly (Elderly Rate %)	1,889 (59.4)	2,074 (50.6)	1,612 (43.1)	1,833 (31.9)
	Advance -Fee Loan Fraud	No. of Victims	591	440	428	548
		No. of the Elderly (Elderly Rate %)	124 (21.0)	93 (21.1)	117 (27.3)	115 (21.0)
No-remittance Special Frauds	Refund Fraud	No. of Victims	1,928	2,376	3,682	3,129
		No. of the Elderly (Elderly Rate %)	1,802 (93.5)	2,223 (93.6)	3,427 (93.1)	2,935 (93.8)
	No-remittance Special Frauds	No. of Victims	2,136	1,083	549	286
		No. of the Elderly (Elderly Rate %)	1,637 (76.6)	745 (68.8)	388 (70.7)	142 (49.7)

The elderly Rate in Victims of Special Frauds (2018)

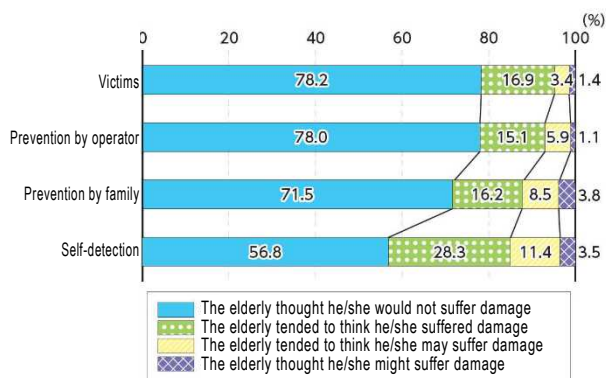


(2) New Efforts to Prevent Damages on the Elderly

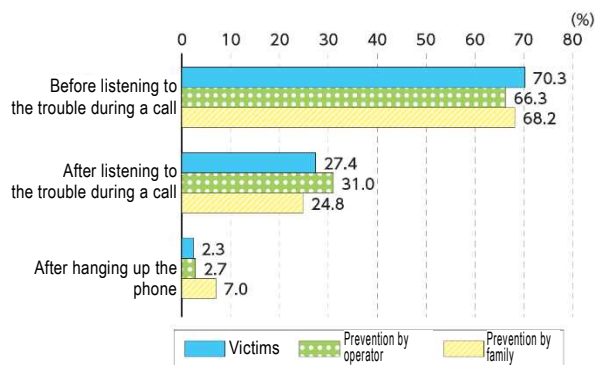
○ Conduct Investigations on Victims of "It's Me" Fraud

The NPA conducted a survey on victims of "It's Me" fraud to enhance the prevention measures against special frauds including "It's Me" fraud. Based on the results of the survey, the police will promote various damage prevention measures more effectively.

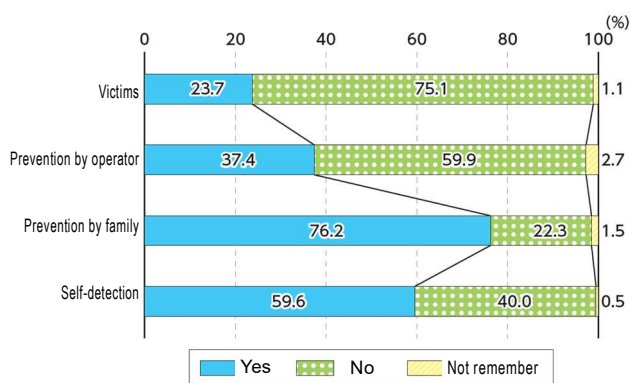
Awareness of Damages



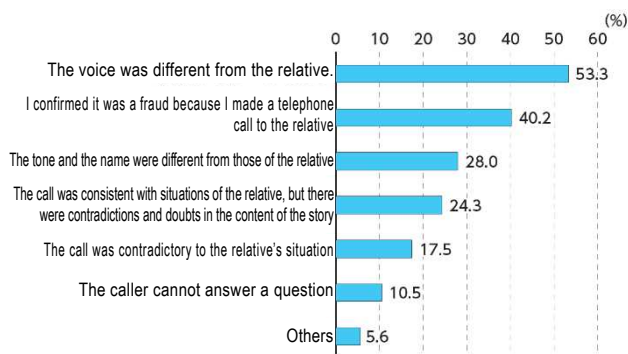
Deceived Timing



Consultation with Others



Reason for Finding It Is a Fraud * Multiple answers



○ Publicity and Enlightenment Activities for a Wide Range of Generations

With regard to publicity and enlightenment aimed at preventing the damage of special frauds for the elderly, more effective publicity and enlightenment efforts are being implemented, such as encouraging every age group, including children and grandchildren of the elderly, to communicate with their families on a daily basis to prevent the damage.

[MEMO]

In September 2018, a project team was set up, comprising of prominent figures influential to disseminate information regarding the measures and the precautions to take, aimed at every age group, in order to prevent the damage of "It's Me" fraud and other special frauds.

The project team, in cooperation with the NPA and prefectural police forces, is calling on people to protect themselves from "It's Me" fraud by daily communication among family members through activities such as an attendance at public events and dissemination of information via SNS and websites.



"Stop "It's Me" Fraud 47: Family Bond Strategy" and Project Team (SOS 47) and Chairman of the National Public Safety Commission