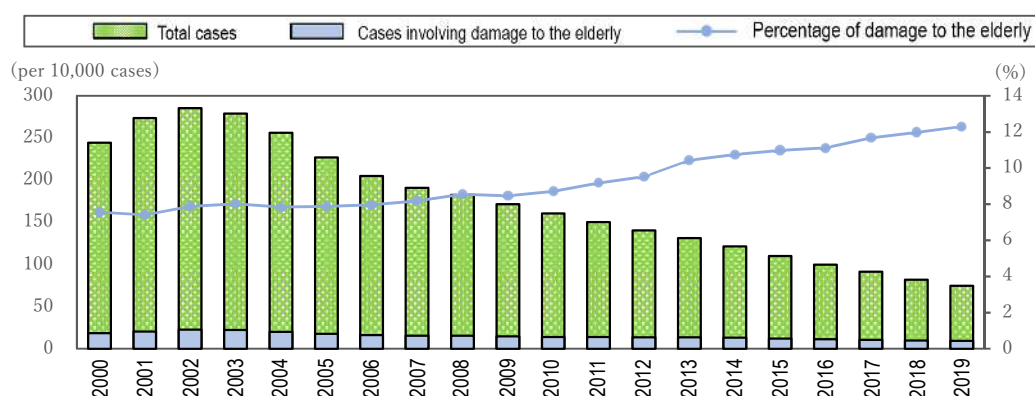


Section 1: Police Initiatives to Protect the Elderly from Crimes and Accidents

1 Criminal Harm against the Elderly and Countermeasures

(1) Current criminal damage against the elderly

The number of cases in which the elderly^{Note} were victims (cases involving damage to the elderly) decreased with the total number of penal code offenses known to the police decreasing, and it reached approximately 92,000 cases in 2019. Meanwhile, the percentage of cases involving damage to the elderly among total penal code offences (percentage of damage to the elderly) has increased consistently starting in 2009 to become 12.3% in 2019.



(2) Current situation and countermeasures of special fraud targeting the elderly

While both the number of special fraud cases known to the police and the amount of damage in 2019 decreased from the previous year, the situation is still serious, with the elderly continuing to be defrauded of large sums.

Approximately 80% of the victims of special fraud are the elderly. As the population ages, preventing special fraud is an urgent issue.

In order to protect people, particularly the elderly, from becoming victims of special fraud, a series of comprehensive measures, collectively called the 'Plan to Combat "It's Me" Fraud' was put forward at the Ministerial Conference on Measures against Crime held June 25, 2019. Based on the plan, the police are promoting measures to raise public awareness activities, including a collaboration with the "Stop "It's Me" Fraud 47 - Family Bond Strategy," a project team (abbreviated "SOS47" in Japanese) which is comprised of high profile influencers to a wide age range, as well as countermeasures against special fraud tools, especially phones used in these activities, and a series of effective crackdowns against these criminals.

Note: "The elderly" refers to a person who is 65 years of age or older.

(3) Current situation and countermeasures of illicit commercial practices targeting the elderly

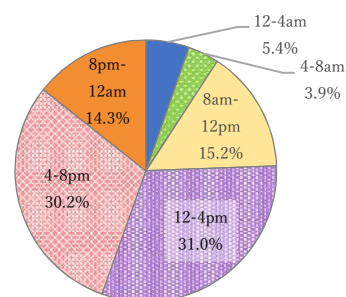
In 2019, the number of consultations police received from the elderly concerning investment fraud^{Note 1} was 367 and accounts for approximately one-fourth of the total. In 2019, the number of consultations police received from the elderly concerning commercial transaction scams^{Note 2} was 3,149 and accounts for half of the total.

In many cases of investment fraud, it takes time for victims to realize that they have incurred damage. Therefore, the police are promoting the early conversion of incidents into cases and providing information to financial institutions holding deposit accounts used for crimes. For commercial transaction scams, it may take time for victims to report cases to the police if they attempt to resolve them on their own, so the police are using websites and other media to call for prompt consultation.

(4) Purse Snatching Targeting the Elderly

The ratio of senior victims of larceny offenses has increased. Regarding the proportion of purse snatching by time period in 2019, 66.3% of the cases involving victims under age 65 occurred between 8PM and 4AM, while 61.2% of the cases involving the elderly occurred between 12PM and 8PM. In view of actual damage situations and the advancement of an aging society, further caution should be needed. Thus, the police continue to hold crime prevention classes for the elderly and implement publicity and enlightenment activities.

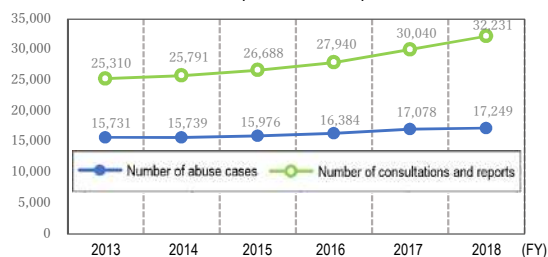
Percentage of Purse Snatching Involving Senior Victims by Time Period



(5) Current Situation of Violence against the Elderly and countermeasures

According to a survey by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, in fiscal 2018, the number of consultations and reports related to elder abuse that local governments received from live-in caregivers, families, and relatives caring for the elderly was 32,231 cases (of which 17,249 were found to be abuse), and of which the largest type of case was physical abuse (multiple answers) at 67.8%.

Number of consultations and reports on elder abuse by caregivers (FY2013-2018)



Source: The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare "Survey on response to the Act on the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Support for Caregivers of Elderly Persons and Other Related Matters"

When police find any case of elder abuse through the course of consultations and other activities, the police report it to the municipalities and deal with it appropriately by giving a warning to perpetrators and investigation etc.

Note 1: Criminal cases pertaining to violations of the Act Regulating the Receipt of Contributions, Receipt of Deposits, and Interest Rates, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, the Act on Prevention of Pyramid Schemes

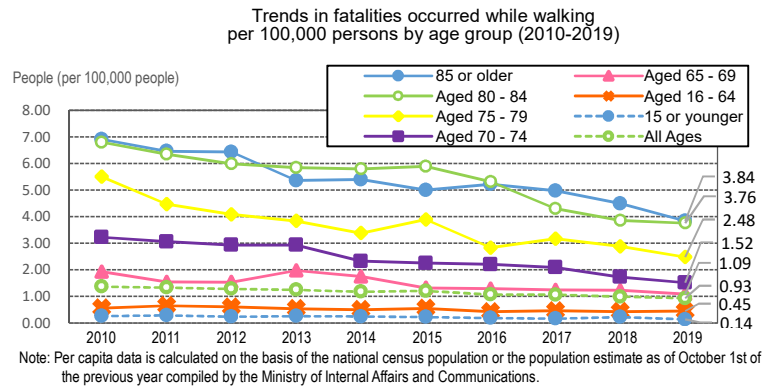
Note 2: Illicit commercial practices that sell goods or provide services by making claims contrary to fact, through sales techniques such as door-to-door sales or telemarketing. Specifically, these are cases that result in violation of the Act on Specified Commercial Transactions which regulates door-to-door sales and crimes involving fraud, extortion, etc. in connection with Specified Commercial Transactions

2 Ensuring Traffic Safety for the Elderly

(1) Features of traffic accidents involving the elderly

The number of fatalities of the elderly due to traffic accidents in 2019 was 1,782 and accounts for 55.4% of the total number of fatalities.

Breaking it down by situation, 46.0% of fatalities occurred while walking, 31.0% occurred while riding in a vehicle, and 16.8% occurred while riding on a bicycle. Moreover, looking at the number of fatalities



occurred while walking, the elderly accounts for approximately 70% of the total number of fatalities, and the number of fatalities per 100,000 population is larger for the elderly in higher age ranges.

(2) Measures to protect the elderly from traffic accidents

The police are carrying out participation-based and practical training with simulators and similar educational equipment in collaboration with related agencies and other organizations to enable the elderly (including the elderly who do not possess driver's licenses) to understand how changes in their physical functions due to aging affect their behaviors, and to obtain willingness on the part of the elderly to implement safe traffic behaviors.

3 Measures for the Elderly Suffering from Dementia and Persons Requiring Support

(1) Measures for missing persons with dementia

In 2019, the police received 17,479 notifications of missing persons with dementia, and this number has been increasing since 2012, when statistics were first collected.

Since the Outline to Promote Measures for Dementia compiled at the Ministerial Meeting for the Promotion of Dementia Policies on June 18, 2019, the police use local networks to protect the elderly with dementia and search for missing persons in close collaboration with relevant organizations and groups. In addition, through seminars and search training conducted by experts in charge of dementia supporters teaching program, the police also deepen officers' knowledge about the characteristics of dementia and how to deal with missing persons with dementia as officers find them.

(2) Disaster response for the elderly

When a disaster has occurred or is likely to occur, the police engage in activities such as evacuation guidance and rescue for local residents including the elderly who have difficulty in evacuating by themselves.