

## Chapter 3 Efforts to Broaden the Opportunity for Victims to Participate in Criminal Procedures

### 1 Development of the System to Expand Opportunities to Participate in Criminal Procedures, etc. (related to Article 18 of the Basic Act)

#### ○ Main Efforts

- Enhancement of the Information Concerning Criminal Procedures and Related Issues Provided to Crime Victims, etc.

[Policy No. 128]

The Ministry of Justice has prepared an easy-to-understand pamphlet “For Victims of Crime,” which explains various protection/support systems for crime victims, etc., including the crime victim participation system and the victim’s attendance at the juvenile hearing. The pamphlet is distributed to the Public Prosecutor’s Office, and handed to crime victims, etc. when interviewed by the prosecutor. In addition, it is distributed at various events. The pamphlet is also available in digital form on the websites of the Ministry of Justice and the Public Prosecutor’s Office. Furthermore, The Ministry of Justice has produced the DVD, “If you encounter crime” for distribution to the each District Public Prosecutor’s Office for use in explaining legal procedures to crime victims, etc. and is broadcasting the same video on a YouTube channel for viewing by the general public.

- Ministry of Justice website “For Victims of Crime”:

[http://www.moj.go.jp/EN/keiji1/keiji\\_keiji11.html](http://www.moj.go.jp/EN/keiji1/keiji_keiji11.html)

- Ministry of Justice You Tube channel “If you encounter crime”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XmgyAoEM9E>

Prefectural police’s pamphlet “Brochure for Crime Victims” describes the outline of criminal procedures, support systems for crime victims, etc. and contact information on organizations and groups involved in crime victim support. The pamphlet is distributed to those who contact to crime victims to be broadly used for information provision on the criminal procedures and the systems for crime victims, etc.

### Pamphlet for Victims of Crime



Source: Ministry of Justice

### Guidebooks for Victims



### Guidebook for Victims (traffic accidents, incidents)



- **Appropriate Provision of Information Concerning Investigation**

[Policy No. 134]

Based on the Framework for Contact with Victims (attached notification by the Director General Criminal Affairs Bureau of the National Police Agency on July 12, 2017), the National Police Agency is providing guidance to the prefectural police to ensure that contact with victims is made and that relevant information is communicated appropriately to them.

For cases involving traffic accidents, the prefectural police headquarters have created a post for victim contact coordinator to oversee contact with victims and provide guidance and education to traffic accident investigators at every police station to ensure that Traffic Accident Victims, etc. receive treatment appropriate to their emotional state. Further, of the knowledge about the

circumstances and needs of victims gleaned in support activities, such as contact with victims, the National Police Agency communicates information it deems important to share with private victim support associations or government organizations after obtaining the victims' consent as part of its effort to collaborate the activities of government organizations and private associations.

Outline of system for contacting crime victims

