

[For those who are going to live in Japan]

Tips for preventing troubles

If you live in a country with different cultures and customs, you may unknowingly cause trouble or get involved. I would like to introduce some examples of such troubles, so I would like you to refer to them in order to live smoothly in Japan.

○ I went shopping in the neighborhood without a residence card
➡ Long-term residents are required to carry a residence card. This is a violation of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act.

○ There was a nice flower, so I went into the garden of a person's house and took a picture.
➡ may be charged with residential invasion as stipulated in the Penal Code.

○ I enter the track from the railroad cross trying to take a shortcut
➡ may violate the Railway Business Act.

○ Caught and ate wild animals and birds
➡ not capture natural creatures because they may violate the Act on the Protection and Management of Birds and Beasts and the Optimization of Hunting or the Natural Parks Act.

○ I bought live animals on SNS, and ate them.
➡ is not common for individuals to sell livestock such as cattle and pigs on Social media, so there is a possibility of stolen livestock. In addition, it is prohibited by the Slaughterhouse Act to dismantle livestock such as cows and pigs in places other than certified slaughterhouses. Furthermore, in Japan, dogs and cats are subject to welfare, and hurting or killing them is a violation of the Animal Welfare Act.

○ There was a job offer for a simple job on SNS, so I applied to get pocket money.
➡ if you work without a status of residence that allows you to work, you

will be illegally working. As a general rule, technical intern trainees cannot work part-time.

○ I drove in Japan, too, as I have a Vietnamese driver's license.

➡ a Japanese driver's license is required to drive on public roads in Japan. Please switch to a Japanese driver's license at a driver's license center, etc.

○ I rented a motorcycle (moped) from a friend without a Japanese driver's license and drove

➡ When riding a motorcycle (moped) in Japan, a motorbike (normal car license is acceptable) or a motorcycle driver's license is required depending on the type of motor and its displacement. Get a license at a driver's license center before riding.

○ We had fireworks in the house.

➡ There are many wooden houses in Japan, so there is a risk of fire. In addition, smoke may be a nuisance to neighborhood residents, so fireworks should be done outdoors at a designated place and time.

○ I had karaoke with my friends in front of my house.

➡ The noise may cause trouble with neighborhood residents. Let's do karaoke at the karaoke facility.

○ There was an item in the wagon at the store, and I thought it was good to take it home freely.

➡ There were items in the wagon at the storefront, and I thought it was alright to take it home freely.

➡ If you take away the items in the store without permission, you will be charged with theft as stipulated in the criminal Code.

○ There was a bicycle on the side of the road, and I thought it would be okay if I returned it later, so I rode on it and went home.

➡ may be charged with theft or embezzlement of lost property as stipulated in the Penal Code. Even if it is an abandoned bicycle, let's not ride without permission.

○ I didn't know the directions when I went to my destination, so I rode a bicycle while looking at the map on my smartphone.

➡ If you operate or gaze at your smartphone while riding a bicycle, you will be front carelessness and driving with one hand, which violates the Road Traffic Act. To ensure your safety, stop when you look at your smartphone.

○ I drove with one hand while holding my umbrella.

➡ It is a violation of the Road Traffic Act as well as smartphone operation. On rainy days, wear a kappa (raincoat) and drive with both hands.

○ On the way home from work, I was tired, so I got on the loading bed of a light truck and went home.

➡ In principle, it is forbidden for people to get on the loading bed of a light truck. It is a violation of the Road Traffic Act.

○ I dumped garbage on roads, parks and vacant lots

➡ Dumping garbage on roads, parks, vacant lots, etc. can be a criminal act of illegal dumping. There are rules for taking out trash depending on the area, so separate the trash and dispose of it at the designated date and time.

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