

KUMAGAYA FRIENDS

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How to avoid becoming a "victim of crime" during the year-end and New Year's holidays

Countermeasures against "Burglary"

- Lock all doors and windows properly, whether you are home or away.
- Attach two or more locks to each door and window if you can.
- Put a security film on the window or install security glass.

Countermeasures against "Snatch-and-grab and street robbery"

- For bicycles, attach a security cover to the front basket properly.
- Walk on busy well-lit streets. Be vigilant and pay special attention to unusual behavior when you walk on deserted streets and late at night.

Countermeasures against "Bank transfer scams and impostor scams"

- Set the answering machine to go to voicemail even when you are at home.
- For scam calls from a stranger pretending to be part of your family member, hang up the phone at once and check directly with the family member.
- If you get a phone call or a postcard with the key phrases, such as "ATM refund," "You are being sued," or "Let me keep your cash card to renew," these are all scams! If anything seems suspicious, consult with your family members or notify the police.

◆ Kumagaya Police Station TEL048-526-0110 ◆ Public Safety Section TEL Ext.339



City Website

Special Benefits for Supporting Families with Children

Have you already applied for the "single-parent household" or "non-single-parent household" benefits?

We are now accepting applications for benefits for **low-income child-rearing families who face and are particularly affected by the rising cost of food and other items**. If you are eligible for benefits and have not yet applied, please do so as soon as possible.

Benefit Amount: Flat rate of ¥50,000 per child

Application Deadline: Thursday, February 29th 2024

※ This benefit has already been announced in the June issue of the city newsletter. In addition, this benefit has already been provided, without the need to apply, to those who are receiving "the Child Support Allowance for March 2023" and to those who are receiving "the Kumagaya City Child-Rearing Household Living Support Special Benefit (for households other than single-parent households) in FY2022."

※ For details, please check the city website. If you are receiving a child allowance and have not yet filed an income tax return, please contact us at the number below.

◆ Child Care Section TEL Ext.292

Saitama Information & Support (SIS)

☎ 048 - 833-3296

Telephone counseling is available in foreign languages regarding issues in daily life.

Days: Monday to Friday

(Closed on national holidays and Dec.29 to Jan.3)

Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

☆ KIFA ☆ Information

Kumagaya International Friendship Association



Japanese Language Class

Learn Japanese to use in everyday life. Please note that participation in Japanese class will now require you to book a seat in advance.

For further information, please call us on the phone number below or check out our website.

Office Information

Days: Monday through Friday (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays)

Hours: 8:30 am to 5:15 pm

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City population (As of December 1st, 2023): 192,276

Foreign resident population: 4,718

