

(英語)

悪徳商法に注意してください

Be careful of illegal businesses practices

At the time of social confusion due to a natural disaster occurring such as an earthquake, illegal business practices or frauds that take advantage of people's fears and anxieties or good nature are likely to take place, not only in the affected areas but also in the surrounding areas.

The following are major examples of such fraud; take care that you do not become a victim of them.

○ Charity fraud

Calling oneself a staff member of the Japan Red Cross (Nihon Sekijyuji) or other actual charity groups, and asking for donations.

○ Home repair fraud

Creating fear in residents by telling them, "your house needs to be repaired right away" and then making people sign an expensive contract.

○ Selling daily necessary items at a higher price

Selling these items at a higher price by saying "the daily necessities like batteries, gas etc. will not be available soon."

○ Pretending to be a volunteer

Posing as a volunteer and saying "how can I help you?", and then asking for an expensive fee after their service.

If you feel something is strange or that you may have become a victim of fraud, please inquire with consultation corner of each municipality or the local police station immediately.