

Chiba prefectural public ordinance for regulating designated metal products handlers

The ordinance will come into force on January 1, 2025

A public ordinance aimed to prevent ever-increasing metal material thefts and to provide swift compensation to victims will come to effect.

You will need a Chiba prefectural public safety commission's approval to purchase or to sell designated metal products.

Items regulated by the public ordinance (some examples)

electric cables



gratings



manhole covers



iron baseplates



scaffolding boards



copper building materials



※Other examples:

- handhole covers
- fire hydrant covers
- fire cistern covers
- metal plates used for bulletin boards
- face plates for bridges, schools, or any other facilities

※This photo shows copper roofing.

When you buy, sell, or exchange any of the above-listed metal products, be reminded that they are classified as either “designated metal products” or “second-handed goods.”

For dealing wasted items no longer suitable for their intended purposes (cut, damaged etc.)

You need a permit for dealing designated metal products.



For dealing items still suitable for their intended purposes,

You need a permit for second-handed goods dealing.



If you will be dealing both designated metal products and second-handed goods, you will need have permits for both.

※You need a permit based on this ordinance if you are dealing any designated metal products in Chiba prefecture. This applies even if you are based in another prefecture or have no office in Chiba.

●Those who have already been dealing such designated products still must newly acquire this permit.

You have a grace period until June 30, 2025 before acquiring it.

●You may face penalties (imprisonment for up to 1 year) or administrative measure (cancellation of permit and suspension of business) if you fail to observe the ordinance.

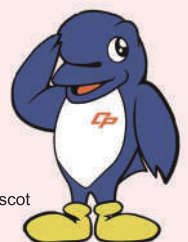
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C-Poc,
Chiba prefectural police's mascot



Purpose of this public ordinance

The purpose of this public ordinance is to prevent criminal activities such as thefts and to promote swift recovery from damages from such crimes while imposing necessary restrictions such as related to designated metal dealing, prevent distribution of stolen properties, and to promote swift recovery of stolen properties.

Things you need to know for a permit

How to acquire a permit

- You need to acquire a permit per every business.
- You have to get a permit per business even if your style of business is primarily peddling.

Commission

Application fee 19,000JPY

Persons ineligible for a permit

- Persons associated with crime syndicate
- Persons sentenced to imprisonment or greater within the past 5 years
- Persons whose commencement of bankruptcy proceeding has been announced and has not been recovered from bankruptcy

What a permit holder of (designated metal products dealer) must observe

Confirm identity of customers

- You have to confirm sellers' identity by requesting them to show their IDs when you purchase designated metal products.

Draw and maintain books for dealing

- If you have dealt with any designated metal products, you have to keep and retain books for those dealings at your office for 3 years.

Carry a peddler permit.

- You have to carry a peddler permit when you peddle.
- When requested by a client, you have to show your peddler permit.

Display a permit sign.

- You have to display the permit sign in every office where it is visible.

Reporting illicit products

- You have to report to police immediately when you suspect any designated metal items may be illicit.

Interception

- When you feel any concern about a designated metal product you purchased may be a stolen property, you have to retain them in accordance with the retaining order from chief of prefectural police.

Stolen items list

- You have to keep the report of stolen property from chief of prefectural police for 6 months.
- You have to immediately report to police when you realize you possess any item listed in the report of stolen property.

Reporting changes in status

- When there is any change in the status of your business as a designated metal products dealer, you have to report it to the police

Supervisions by prefectural public safety commission

Collecting reports and on-sight inspection

- You could be asked to submit reports and document if necessary.
- Police officials would enter and observe your office if necessary.

Instructions and orders to suspend business operation

- You will be subject of instructions, suspension of business operation, or cancelation of permit when you violate provisions of this ordinance.

Prohibited Activities

- Unauthorized business operation
- Name-lending

Penalties

Outstanding offenders of the ordinance will face penalty.

(Imprisonment, not more than one year or fine, not more than 1 million JPY)

[Chiba prefectural police website]

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