

<u>Is it my fault?</u>

Let's think about domestic violence

Although the powder magazine has exploded all over the world at the present time, dispute at home has also increased. That is the act of domestic violence (DV) occurred in intimate relationships including spouses or someone you date with. "Say NO! to violence." Without caring your gender, social custom or social consciousness, shall we think about how we can make efforts to healthy family and relationship?

Do you know the abbreviated name "DV Law"?

- It protects you from violence

The name "DV Law" is abbreviated from the official name, "Law for violence prevention from spouse and protection of victim from violence." This law is not only applied to violence to women but also to men.

It protects you if you suffer violence by your husband or boyfriend. Despite violence by spouse has been overlooked as a domestic issue, this law emphasizes that abuse by spouse seriously violates human rights.

The below is the list of various violences. Do not keep your fear inside of your heart. You need to ask for help.

- ☆**Physical violence** · · · Knocking and kicking. Throwing things or pushing you away.
- ☆ Psychological violence · · · Using abusive language and words like "How useless you are! Who feeds you food?"
- ☆Sexual abuse · · · Forcing you sexual acts and ignoring contraception.
- ☆ Economical abuse · · · Not helping for living expenses. Taking victim's job away and putting him/her in weak economical status.
- ☆ **Abuse using child(ren)** · · · Taking child(ren) away from victim or harming child(ren).

Abuser commits a sin.

Not to be a victim.

To endure violence is not virtue at all. Your right is to secure and respect yourself and child(ren). Please call for help. If your friend or family is troubled with violence, you should not tell the victim "patience is not enough" or admonish him/her only by your point of view. What we should do is to think about victim's side, give right information for DV and help him/her to get advices from DV consultation organization.

How to pull apart assailant from victim? There are two useful ways.

- ☆Stay away order · · · It forbids abuser to follow victim and hang around his/her house or workplace in the period of 6 month.
- ☆Order to vacate · · · It orders abuser to vacate the residence shared by victim for 2 month. Also there is no allowance for the abuser to go around the house.



Please do not try to manage DV by yourself. Consultation service is always right there for you since it is first step to get out of DV issue.

- Women's Support Center for DV (Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Center) · · · 048 - 600 - 6060
- \bigcirc Crime Victim Hotline \cdot \cdot \cdot 0 1 2 0 3 8 1 8 5 8
- \bigcirc Police station near you \cdot · · area code + 0 1 1 0
- Fuimino International Cultural Exchange Center · · · 0 4 9 2 6 9 6 4 5 0

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You can read "Information Fujimino" published in the past.

Car reconstruction is a crime!

During illegal reconstruction car exclusion movement in the last month, a car owned by male foreign resident was disposed of by police. Its problem was coloring film attached to windows of driver's seat and passenger seats. Of course it is nothing to do with nationality. In other cases, white shinning blinkers and braking light are attached. Moreover muffler is removed. These reconstructions are seriously dangerous and troublesome.

For good citizens like you, we tend to think a little remodeling is ok. However, depending on cases, it can cause serious accidents and stimulate other crimes to occur. Let's keep in our mind that car is a mean of transportation for comfortable life.

Meetings of parents, bringing up with children Schedule for August

Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center provides monthly "Meeting of parents bringing up with children". This occasion is to share joy and difficulty of child rearing by both Japanese and foreign residents.

This meeting is still new but a great number of people join us every month. In July, we made original paper fan which became good summer memory. We look forward to seeing you next time.

Please refer to below for schedule of next month.

< Date> 2007, 8/28

< Place> Yamazaki Park

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Kindergarten admission assistanc

In order to help reducing economic burden of families who have kindergarten child(ren), Fujimi city provides a part of school fee (charge of childcare).

 \bigcirc Applicants must have residence registration in Fujimi City. Applicants' child(ren) should be $3 \sim 5$ years old or turn 3 years old in the 19th year of Heisei. Also, completion of income application for the 18th year of Heisei is essential.

O Application method: The necessary documents are distributed in kindergartens. Please fill in and submit them to kindergartens. In other cities and towns too, there are the same support service. If you are interested in, please contact public office near you.

In Fujimi city, Education administration division is in charge of this support system.

Renew proceedings of child allowance!

Now Fujimi city performs renewal of child allowance (provided to mainly single-mother family).

If you receive the allowance, then you need to renew proceedings for it during below period.

- O Period August 6 (Mon) \sim August 10(Fri) 9am \sim 4:30pm
- O Place Fujimi city hall, 1st floor, Conference Room

(The notice letter has been sent to those families in the end of July.

Please check it first.

If you don's understand it, please contact Child-rearing support division of Fujimi city or Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center)

Foreign students paying own expenses are supported!

Do you know "Foreign students exgratia payment system"

It must be very uneasy to be sick in foreign country. To lighten such worry, "Foreign student exgratia payment system" has been established. Saitama International Association provies it to foreign students (1) who live and study in university in Saitama, (2) who pay his/her own expenses (3) who are hospitalized due to sickness or injury for a certain period of time. If you apply for this system, you will be provided 30,000 yen only one time.

•Application Please send following documents to Saitama International Association: ①"Application form of Foreign students exgratia payament system" distributed in every university ②Medical certificate ③A copy of bank book ④A copy of student identification card ⑤A copy of alien registration certificate. For more details, please contact Saitama International Association.

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• Life Guidance translated in 6 languages is available.