

About Human Rights

Human rights refer to the rights that everyone has to live happily.

Everyone is born with the right to cherish life, live freely, and pursue happiness. We should never say or do anything that harms someone else's human rights.



Recognizing and acknowledging each other

Regardless of gender, age, nationality, or place of origin, everyone is human. Let's understand our differences and get along together.

Everyone should be true to themselves

Everyone is free to do what they love. It is not acceptable to hinder others or to be hindered.

Respect everyone's lives

Each and every person in the world is a precious and irreplaceable being. Let's act with kindness and compassion towards one another.

The Ministry of Justice's human rights protection agencies have established **18 initiatives** to safeguard human rights.

- 01 Protect the Rights of Women
- 02 Protect the Rights of Children
- 03 Protect the Rights of the Elderly
- 04 Eliminate Prejudice and Discrimination Based on Disabilities
- 05 Eliminate Buraku discrimination (Dowa issue)
- 06 Eliminate Prejudice and Discrimination Against the Ainu People
- 07 Respect the Rights of Foreigners
- 08 Eliminate prejudice and discrimination related to infectious diseases
- 09 Eliminate prejudice and discrimination against leprosy patients, former patients, and their families
- 10 Eliminate Prejudice and Discrimination against individuals released from prison and their families
- 11 Respect the human rights of crime victims and their families
- 12 Eliminate online human rights violations
- 13 Deepen Awareness of Human Rights Violations by North Korean Authorities
- 14 Eliminate Prejudice and Discrimination Against the Homeless
- 15 Eliminate Prejudice and Discrimination against sexual minorities
- 16 Eliminate Human Trafficking
- 17 Eliminate Prejudice and Discrimination Arising from Disasters Such as Earthquakes
- 18 Eliminate Prejudice and Discrimination based on genomic information (genetic information)

Ministry of Justice, Human Rights Counselling Service [Nationwide]

General Human Rights

Human Rights Hotline 110

TEL 0570-003-110

[Operation Hours] Weekdays 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM

Children

Child Rights Hotline 110

TEL 0120-007-110

[Operation Hours] Weekdays 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM

Foreigner

Foreign Language Human Rights Counselling Hotline

TEL 0570-090-911

[Operation Hours] Weekdays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Foreign Language Internet Human Rights Counselling Service
<https://www.moj.go.jp/JINKEN/jinken21.html#01>



Counselling on Unfair Discrimination and Human Rights [Okinawa Prefecture]

Okinawa Prefecture Human Rights Counselling Service

TEL 098-863-9281

■Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (excluding public holidays)
 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM / 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

[mail] jinken-soudan@pref.okinawa.lg.jp

Counselling on Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity [Okinawa Prefecture]

LGBTQ Rainbow Counselling

TEL 098-880-8434

■Every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Okinawa Prefecture, Department of Children's Future, Women's Empowerment and Diversity Promotion Section

TEL 098-866-2500 FAX 098-866-2589



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Special Ordinance Website

Okinawa Prefecture Ordinance for Creating a Society without Discrimination

— Fully Enforced on October 1st, 2023 —

Discrimination against any person is not tolerated. Let's strive to build a society where people respect each other's personality and individuality, and live together in harmony.



Okinawa Prefecture supports the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Enacting the Ordinance

In Okinawa Prefecture, despite long-standing efforts to eliminate unfair discrimination, there still exists prejudice and unfair discrimination based on certain attributes such as race, nationality, or background, which are difficult for individuals to change, particularly in public spaces and on the internet. Additionally, there is insufficient understanding of diversity in sexual orientation and gender identity. To address these issues more effectively and promote efforts to eliminate them throughout society, this ordinance was enacted.

Purpose

To promote the elimination of unfair discrimination throughout society and strive to create a society without unfair discrimination.



Basic Principles

Under the recognition that no one should engage in unfair discrimination based on race, nationality, creed, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, origin, or any other reason, **the prefecture, municipalities, residents, and businesses cooperate with each other to promote the formation of a society without unfair discrimination throughout the entire society.**

Responsibilities of the Prefecture, Residents, and Businesses

Responsibilities of the Prefecture



Implement policies for the formation of a society without unfair discrimination.

Responsibilities of the Residents



Deepening interest and understanding about the importance of respecting human rights. Cooperating with the measures implemented by the prefecture.

Responsibilities of the Business



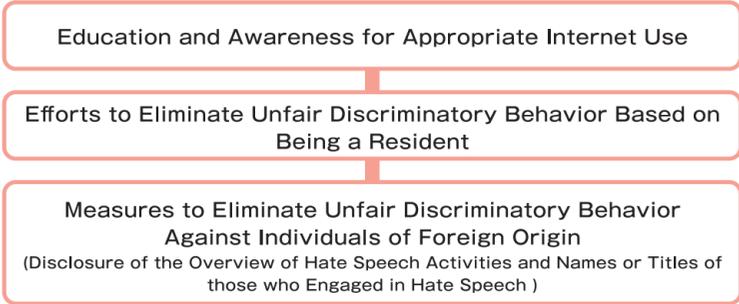
Promoting efforts to eliminate unfair discrimination when conducting business activities. Cooperating with the measures implemented by the prefecture.

Basic Policy

- 1 Promote the principle of respecting human rights and deepen understanding among the residents.
- 2 Provide appropriate responses to consultations regarding unfair discrimination.
- 3 Promote the elimination of unfair discrimination by addressing the underlying causes and other aspects of discrimination.

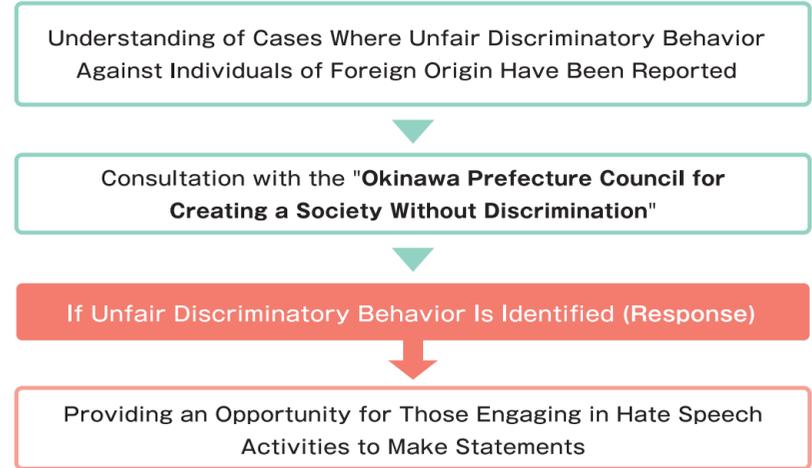
Measures Implemented by the Prefecture Based on the Fundamental Policy

Measures Against Unfair Discriminatory Behavior



Measures to Address Unfair Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity

Flow of Measures to Address Unfair Discriminatory Behavior Against Individuals of Foreign Origin



Disclosure Measures

- Disclosure of the Overview of Hate Speech Activities and Names or Titles of those Involved
- Notification to the Naha District Legal Affairs Bureau

*Disclosure measures are for the purpose of raising awareness and are not regulatory.

Q&A

Q. What is "Unfair Discrimination"?

This refers to making distinctions, exclusions, or limitations without valid reasons based on attributes or characteristics of individuals that cannot be changed by their own will. In the ordinance, there are "unfair discriminatory remarks" and "unfair discriminatory treatment."



Q. What is "Unfair Discriminatory Behavior Against Individuals of Foreign Origin"?

This refers to actions or expressions that openly announce intentions to harm the life, body, freedom, honor, or property of individuals of non-Japanese origin, thereby promoting or inciting discriminatory attitudes towards them. This includes significantly derogatory treatment of individuals based on their origin from countries or regions outside of Japan, with the purpose of instigating their exclusion from the local community.

*Includes posts made on the internet.



About Hate Speech

Discriminatory behavior that defames and insults specific ethnicities or nationalities with the aim of excluding them from society is generally referred to as hate speech. However, there is no legal definition of hate speech, and its scope is not clearly defined. Hate speech may also be used interchangeably with "Unfair Discriminatory Behavior Against Individuals of Foreign Origin," but can also simply mean "expressions of blatant hatred."

Hate speech is not only unsettling and repugnant to people, but it can also undermine human dignity and foster discriminatory attitudes. Therefore, it is behavior that should never be condoned.

It is crucial for everyone to firmly hold the awareness that hate speech is unacceptable.