

Yokkaichi City

Community Safety

Master Plan

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FY2022 to FY2026



◆ What is the Community Safety Master Plan?

This Master Plan aims to promote measures to enhance community safety in a comprehensive, well-organized manner in compliance with the Yokkaichi City Community Safety Ordinance.



In line with the concept of community-wide cooperation, Yokkaichi City will share its **vision of a safe community** and **key performance indicators** specified in this leaflet with citizens, businesses, community members and groups, and governmental agencies, and define the **roles of respective actors**. In so doing, we aim to put into practice the following core philosophy and basic policies through a collaborative approach.

◆ Core philosophy and basic policies

Enhancing community safety requires continuous efforts. To encourage local residents in particular to take action, it is important to adopt a participatory and collaborative approach that enables them to start with what they can do without over-exerting themselves, and to nurture the mindset of “working together to enhance community safety on our own” through various initiatives.

In this light, and in line with the concept of community-wide cooperation, Yokkaichi City has adopted “**Joining hands to enhance community safety**” as a core philosophy of this Master Plan to be shared with all actors involved in creating a safer local environment.

Under this core philosophy, we have formulated the following four basic policies to enhance community safety.

- Basic policy 1

Raise crime-prevention awareness among individual citizens to inspire them to take action to protect their own safety.
- Basic policy 2

Enhance community-wide crime prevention measures by encouraging citizens to work in solidarity to deter crime from occurring based on the spirit of mutual support.
- Basic policy 3

Minimize the risk of crime occurring in the community by making the local environment less conducive to crime.
- Basic policy 4

Eliminate the risk of traffic accidents by raising public awareness of traffic safety and improving the environment to prevent accidents.

◆ Direction of initiatives



Basic policy 1

Raise crime-prevention awareness among individual citizens

Vision of a safe community

Build a safe community by inspiring individual citizens to protect their own safety, thereby making the local environment safer for citizens, especially children and other vulnerable community members.

Roles of respective actors

Citizens	◆ Think about how you can contribute to preventing crime, and begin with what you can do around you.
Businesses	◆ As a member of the community, help employees become more aware of crime prevention and develop the willingness to participate in local anti-crime activities.
Community members and groups	◆ Promote initiatives to increase crime-prevention awareness among citizens including children, in cooperation with local groups such as neighborhood associations, PTAs (parent-teacher associations), associations for children, and volunteer groups, under the leadership of the local anti-crime council and crime-prevention association.
Governmental agencies	◆ Endeavor to offer proper information promptly to citizens, businesses, and community members and groups to support their anti-crime activities, while inspiring individual citizens to take action to prevent crime.

Key performance indicator

Indicator	Current state (2020)	Target state (2026)
Percentage of people who think enough safety information is provided* (%)	61.2	68.9

Basic policy 2

Enhance community-wide crime prevention measures

Vision of a safe community

Build a safe community by encouraging community members to work in solidarity to deter crime from occurring.



Roles of respective actors

Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Begin with ensuring the safety of yourself and your family members and work in cooperation with your neighbors to deter crime from occurring. ◆ In addition, actively participate in community activities to prevent crime, as an anti-crime volunteer or a member of a voluntary anti-crime group.
Businesses	◆ Contribute to preventing crime by actively participating in anti-crime community activities, and keeping a watchful eye on the community to ensure its safety while carrying out business activities.
Community members and groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Strengthen solidarity with families, schools, community members, businesses and related groups to protect local residents, especially children, women, and elderly people who are prone to fall victim to crime. ◆ Promote anti-crime activities tailored to local situations, by maintaining the bonds of community members and sharing the commitment to "joining efforts to protect our community on our own."
Governmental agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Strengthen solidarity among community members and support community-wide anti-crime activities by playing a coordinating role. ◆ Improve consultation and support services for crime victims and other people in need of support.

Key performance indicator

Indicator	Current state (2020)	Target state (2026)
Percentage of people who think community safety has improved* (%)	69.0	73.2

*Source: Questionnaire survey conducted with crime-prevention and traffic-safety organizations.

Basic policy 3

Minimize the risk of crime occurring in the community



Vision of a safe community

Light up streets to deter crime from occurring, thereby minimizing the risk of crime and enhancing community safety.

Roles of respective actors

Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deter crime from occurring by doing what you can do on a daily basis, including locking your house, lighting the gate lamp at night, and taking measures to prevent car break-ins.
Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take security measures at shops, offices, factories and other business sites. Especially, service providers for the elderly, financial institutions and convenience stores are required to warn users/customers against phone/online fraud.
Community members and groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use security lights and cameras effectively while conducting local anti-crime activities to enhance the ability of the community to deter crime.
Governmental agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the security of schools and other public facilities so that citizens can feel safe to use them. Enforce tighter controls over behaviors in violation of laws and ordinances to increase the safety of living and business environments.



Key performance indicator

Indicator	Current state (2020)	Target state (2026)
Number of recorded criminal offenses	1,674	1,460

Basic policy 4

Eliminate the risk of traffic accidents



Vision of a safe community

Eliminate the risk of traffic accidents by urging drivers to be considerate toward pedestrians and prompting pedestrians to protect themselves against traffic accidents, thereby enhancing community safety.

Roles of respective actors

Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply with traffic rules and stay calm when driving a car or riding a bicycle, and improve manners on the road by being considerate toward other drivers and pedestrians, especially the elderly and those prone to traffic accidents. Take measures to avoid being involved in traffic accidents, such as wearing highly visible clothing when walking at night so that drivers can easily spot you on the road.
Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly manage the health of employees engaged in delivery service as part of accident prevention measures, and set an example of good driving manners, such as stopping at pedestrian crossings without traffic lights.
Community members and groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups associated with elderly people and children, such as elderly clubs and PTAs, are required to work with relevant organizations to increase traffic safety awareness among elderly people and children to prevent them from being involved in traffic accidents.
Governmental agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote safe driving habits by conducting awareness-raising and educational activities about traffic rules and manners, and enhance road-safety facilities to ensure the smooth flow of traffic. Promote new initiatives, such as research on new road-safety technologies including autonomous driving and advanced emergency braking systems. Work with relevant organizations to continue monitoring the safety of school-commuting routes to prevent children from being involved in traffic accidents on their way to and from school.

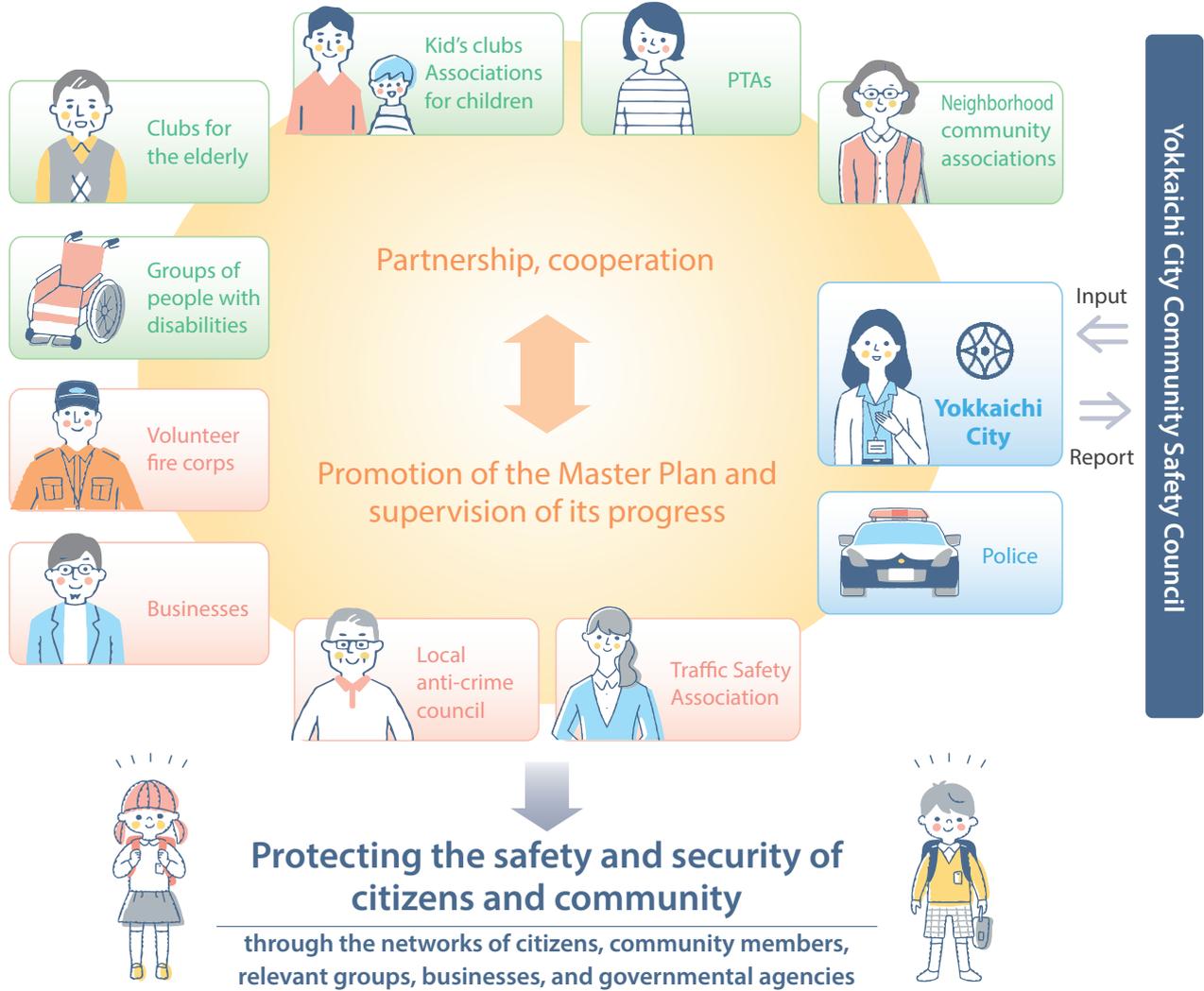


Key performance indicator

Indicator	Current state (2020)	Target state (2026)
Number of traffic accidents per year	9,159	8,190
Percentage of people who feel the local traffic safety environment has improved* (%)	57.3	65.6

◆ Master Plan promotion system

To effectively promote the abovementioned activities, the Yokkaichi City Community Safety Council meets regularly to exchange information and share awareness and recognition of issues to be addressed. As well, a partnership necessary for implementing the Master Plan will be built, leveraging the council's network to ensure that the participating organizations will fully play their respective roles.



We can enhance the **community safety** by encouraging everyone to collaborate on preventing crime and traffic accidents by utilizing individual skills and strengths.



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