

# Ordinance on the Regulation of Scrapping Yards

(Aichi Prefectural Ordinance on the Prevention of Scrapping Stolen Automobiles)

**Effective from December 2019**

\* Registration will be received starting in October

This regulation was made to prevent the scrapping of stolen automobiles by enforcing necessary restrictions to help prevent car theft.

## ~ The object of regulations ~

The “Yard” in this ordinance means a facility or land where automobiles are scrapped. The target of the regulations is scrapping business dealers who scrap automobiles (Ordinary motor vehicle, minicar, light vehicle, special motor vehicle) and those who offer land or other property to the scrappers. (Some cases are exempted with related laws.)

## ~ Main regulations ~

**Registration**

**Posting signage**

**Payroll**

**Confirmation**

**Record of business transactions**

**Preservation Order**

**Business Suspension Order**

**Offering land and buildings**

**Inspection at site**

**Aichi Prefectural Police**

## Registration

\* Reception starts from October 1

To make a business of scrapping automobiles, register yourself with the Public Safety Commission in advance through the public safety sections in each police station.

- This registration is not a substitute for the license for dismantling operations on the Vehicles Recycling Act.
- Even registered dealers may be directed for application for scrapping by Aichi Prefecture under the authority of the Act above.

## Posting signage

\* the Vehicles Recycling Act  
... the Act on Recycling etc. of End-of-Life Vehicles

Dealers need to post signage on which the registration number is printed at each yard.

## Payroll

Payroll for all employees (Name, Date of birth, address, sex, nationality and so on) is required to be provided at each yard you register.

- In the case of foreign employees, status of residence, period of stay (expiration date) and restrictions on the employment activities must be recorded in payroll.
- Payroll must be kept for a year after the retirement of an employee.

## Confirmation obligation in business and reporting

When receiving cars for scrapping, receive and check the designated documents about the dealer and cars in the business transaction. In the case that the dealer is not identical to the owner of the car, receive and check the transfer certificate, power of attorney and other documents.

If you suspect that the car you received is stolen, report it to the police immediately.

- Receive and check the original documents.
- If the car you receive is in the condition described below, the car might be a stolen car. You are urged to inform a police officer immediately.
  - The VIN etc. is scraped off, the keyhole and key cylinder are destroyed.
  - Documents required to be in the car by law (the inspection certificate, automobile liability insurance certificate, etc.) are not present without reason.

## Record of business transactions

\* VIN ... Vehicle Identification Number

You must keep a record of each business transaction (date of transaction, dealer, VIN, owner of the dealt car) and keep that record for 1 year.

## Preservation order

The chief of the Aichi Prefectural Police and police stations can order the scrapper to preserve cars suspected to be stolen for a designated time. The scrapper under the order is not allowed to scrap nor do anything else to the cars in question.

In addition to scrapping the cars in question, It is also forbidden to scrap its parts, transfer cars to other facilities or pass them over to others.

## Business suspension order

The Public Safety Commission can issue a business suspension order (whole or partly) if the scrapper doesn't follow its direction. The same goes in the case where a business manager or employees conduct illegal activities according to the ordinance or monetary crimes according to the penal code.

When a business suspension order or other administrative measure is executed, this may be made public.

## Offering land and buildings

When an owner of land or buildings located in this prefecture offers them to a scrapper or to-be-scrapper, the owner must make efforts to confirm that the property will not be utilized for scrapping stolen automobiles. Confirmation should be done before the first contract and before renewal. The owner should also strive to put items in the contract that inhibit those activities.

## Inspection at site

If needed, police personnel are allowed to ask for documents from scrappers. Police personnel can also enter yards, offices and other facilities for the purpose of inspecting documents and asking questions.

## Exceptions for applications

	Scrapper in accordance with the Vehicles Recycling Act
Registration	Excepted
Posting signage	
Confirmation	Excepted (In the case that the business transaction is reported to the Information Management Center)
Record of business transactions	

## Penalties

Violators will be charged the penalties partly listed below:

Charges	Penalties
Violating business suspension order	Up to 1 year of imprisonment or up to 500,000 yen in fines
Establishing a scrap business without registration or with false registration	Up to 6 months of imprisonment or up to 300,000 yen in fines
Receiving cars without confirming the dealer and the owner of the cars	
Failing to confirm the dealer's legal ground to transfer cars when the dealer is not identical to the owner of the cars in the documents.	
Failing to create records of transactions or creating false records	
Failing to make records of business transactions	
Failing to report damage or loss of records of transactions or reporting false information	
Violating the preservation order	Up to 300,000 yen in fines
Failing to register the discontinuance or alteration of scrapping activities or creating a false registration	
Not providing the payroll, failing to record needed information or recording false information in the payroll	
Rejecting and preventing the submission of reports and documents or inspection	Up to 100,000 yen in fines
Failing to post signage	

## For inquiries

- **Aichi Prefectural Police Headquarters**    052-952-1611 (main)
  - International Investigation Division, Criminal Investigation Department
  - Safety Division, Community Safety Department
- **Local police station**
  - Community Safety Section
  - Criminal Investigation Section
- **Official website of the Aichi Prefectural Police**  
<https://www.pref.aichi.jp/police/>



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