

JAPAN

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RULES/GENERAL LAWS

General	Penal Code
	Act on Regulation and Punishment of Acts Relating to Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, and the Protection of Children http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/?re=02
	There is neither justice system nor criminal law, which applies only to police officers, while the general criminal laws and justice system apply also to them.
SEA: police offence?	Japan has no criminal law solely applicable to police officers, but the criminal laws of Japan apply to any Japanese national or public official of Japan, including police officers, who commit certain kinds of crimes outside the territory of Japan. Some of these crimes are considered sexual exploitation and abuse, including forcible sexual intercourse etc., forcible indecency, abuse of authority by public officers, kidnapping of minors, kidnapping for indecency, buying or selling of human beings, and child prostitution. (See Art. 3, 4, 176 through 181, 193 through 196, 224, 225 and 226-2 of Penal Code , Art. 4 and 10 of Act on Regulation and Punishment of Acts Relating to Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, and the Protection of Children)
Powers of the Commanding Officer (CO)	

INVESTIGATION

Who can investigate?	A judicial police official, a public prosecutor or a public prosecutor's assistant officer can investigate offenses committed by a police officer in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure . (See Art. 189 through 191 of the Code of Criminal Procedure)
National Investigation Officer (NIO)	

PROSECUTION

Referral	Except as otherwise provided in the Code of Criminal Procedure , a judicial police officer must, when said police officer has conducted the investigation of an offense, send the case together with the documents and articles of evidence to a public prosecutor promptly. (See Art. 246 of the Code of Criminal Procedure)
Who can charge?	Prosecution is filed by a public prosecutor.(See Art. 247 of the Code of Criminal Procedure)

JUSTICE

Police justice system	There is neither justice system nor criminal law, which applies only to police officers, while the general criminal laws and justice system apply also to them.
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