

3 How to protect Specific Personal Information?

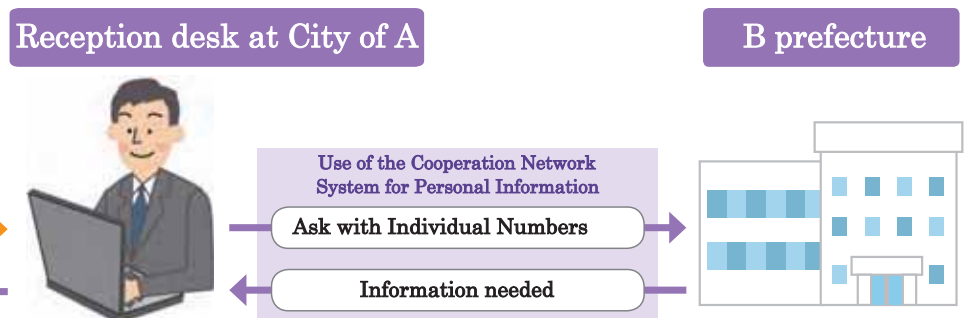
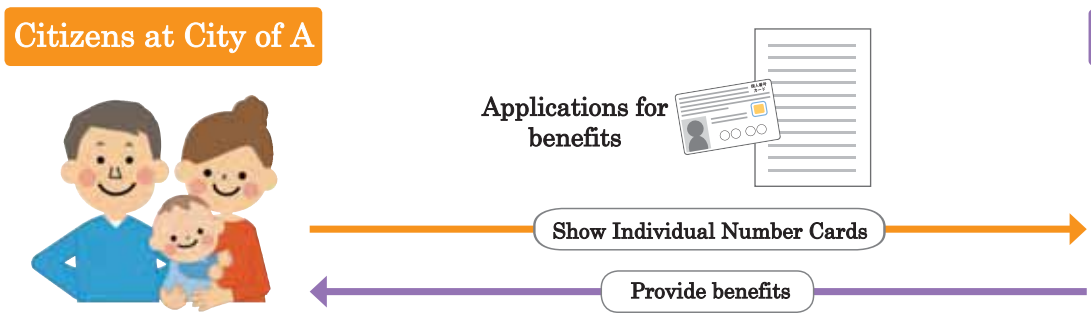
The Number Use Act mandates strong protection measures for the purpose of preventing Specific Personal Information from leakage and misuse.

- The Number System contributes to citizens' convenience in society, yet there are also the risks of leakage and misuse of Specific Personal Information. Thus, stringent protection measures are stipulated in the Number Use Act to protect Specific Personal Information.
- The Specific Personal Information Protection Commission monitors and supervises any entity that handles Individual Numbers.

Specific Personal Information Protection Commission

Monitors and supervises any entity to ensure proper handling of Specific Personal Information.

* Please refer to pages 11 - 14 regarding its activities.





Compliance matters

- ⊘ You should not provide your Individual Number to others without due cause and valid reasons.
- ⊘ When you use your Individual Number, **to prevent fraud**, you have to present your personal identification documents such as the Individual Number Card in addition to confirming what your Individual Number is.

Compliance matters

- ⊘ You cannot use Individual Numbers except **for affairs stipulated in laws and regulations**. The use of Individual Numbers other than these affairs is prohibited.
- ⊘ You can **provide** Individual Numbers **to other institutions only for the affairs stipulated by laws and regulations**.
- ⊘ You can **request** the provision of Individual Numbers **only for affairs stipulated by laws and regulations**.
- ⚠ Administrative organs shall conduct Specific Personal Information Protection Assessment before keeping Specific Personal Information Files.
- ⚠ When sharing Specific Personal Information among different institutions, administrative organs should use the Cooperation Network System, which ensures its security.



The "My Portal" system service enables you to check the treatment of your Individual Number.

- You can confirm when, to whom, and why your Specific Personal Information is provided.
- You can check your own Specific Personal Information.
- You receive announcements about the welfare services you choose.
- You can proceed with multiple administrative procedures as a one-stop service.

*The My Portal service will begin in January 2017. The details of its contents are under development.

Penalties

To rigorously address the misuse of Individual Numbers, the Number Use Act has adopted more severe penalties than the Act on the Protection of Personal Information.

For instance, if an administrative employee leaks personal information files, the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Administrative Organs stipulates "work for no longer than two years or a fine of no more than a hundred million yen," whereas the Number Use Act stipulates "work for no longer than four years or a fine of no more than two million yen, or a cumulative imposition thereof."