

Ordinance to Prevent Traffic Obstructions on the Street

■ Objectives

This ordinance aims to 1) prevent items that obstruct traffic from being placed on the road, 2) clarify the responsibilities of Shinjuku City's mayor as well as city residents and businesses, and 3) ensure that city residents can go through public areas in a comfortable manner.

■ The Mayor's Responsibilities

Working with the police department, administrative institutions and community groups, the mayor will promote policies to achieve the objectives of this ordinance.

■ Responsibilities of Residents

City residents and businesses (such as shops) must not place items such as signs or merchandise stands on the street or leave them there.

■ Instructions

The mayor can instruct the person who placed or left items obstructing traffic on the street to remove them.

■ Warning

If the items are still on the street, the mayor can warn the person responsible to remove them immediately.

■ Removal/Temporary Storage

If the person responsible has still not removed the items obstructing traffic despite being warned, the mayor can have the items removed and kept in temporary storage.

Note: When issuing the warning, the city will seek to obtain the agreement of the person responsible that the city will remove the items if he/she repeatedly places or leaves items obstructing traffic on the street and does not remove them.

**Let's create streets we can use safely with peace of mind together!
Your cooperation would be appreciated.**

Items such as signs and merchandise stands that are placed or left on the street obstruct traffic. This is a nuisance because pedestrians and bicycles can bump into them. Someone may get injured, and emergency vehicles may also not be able to get through. Please **do not place or leave** items on the street.



Instructions and a warning will be given when items that are obstructing traffic are found on the street. If the violation is repeated, Shinjuku City will remove and temporarily store the items.

Instructions and a warning will be given to remove items placed or left on the street that are obstructing traffic. If the person responsible repeatedly places or leaves items on the street and does not remove them even after instructions and a warning, **Shinjuku City will remove and temporarily store these items.**

If your items are placed in temporary storage, please consider ways to store them properly within your property.



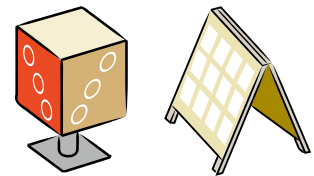
Note: When issuing the warning, the city will seek to obtain the agreement of the person responsible that the city will remove the items if they are still obstructing traffic.

What Are “Items That Obstruct Traffic”?

These are primarily items that can be moved easily yet interfere with the proper use of public areas.

Examples:

- Signs placed on the street
- Merchandise stands left on the street
- Potted trees and planters left on the street in front of a home



Placing Items on the Street (Such as Signs) without Permission Is Illegal

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Road Act Article 32 (Permission of Occupancy of Roads) Article 43 (Prohibited Behavior Related to the Road) | <p>➔ Penal provisions (Article 102): Up to one year in jail or up to ¥500,000 in punitive fines.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Road Traffic Act Article 76 (Prohibited Behavior) Article 77 (Permission to Use the Road) | <p>➔ Penal provisions (Article 119): Up to three months in jail or up to ¥50,000 in punitive fines.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tokyo Metropolitan Outdoor Advertisement Ordinance Article 6, Item 10 (Prohibited Areas) | <p>➔ Penal provisions (Article 71): Up to ¥50,000 in nonpunitive fines.</p> |

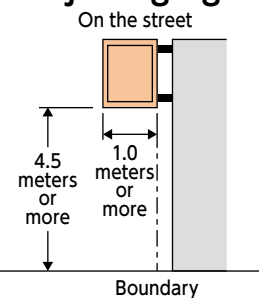
Projecting Signs and Wall Signs Can Be Placed Upon Authorization

Projecting signs and wall signs that protrude from buildings can be installed if the installer receives permission and the signs fulfill the standard requirements designated by the Road Act and the Tokyo Metropolitan Outdoor Advertisement Ordinance. If you are considering installing a sign, please call the number below.

Inquiries:

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Projecting signs



Wall signs

