

# **KOREAN LAW & SAFETY**

## **SPRING SEMESTER 2025**

\*Updated as of May 2025

# CONTENTS

With Page Numbers

**04 - 17**

**Living rules and laws**

**18 - 30**

**License and Vehicles**

**31 - 46**

**Visa and Immigration Laws**

**42 - 46**

**Part-time Job Regulations**

**47 - 54**

**Accommodation and Rent**

**55 - 79**

**Cybercrime and Scam**

**80 - 86**

**Banking**

**87 - 92**

**Lost and Found**

# BE CAREFUL PLEASE



**Understanding government regulations is crucial for foreigners living in South Korea.**

**Violations can result in warnings, fines, and in the worst case, deportation from the country.**

# LIVING RULES AND LAWS



# LEGAL AGE IN KOREA



YEAR OF TURNING **19**  
(From January 1st 2025)



**BORN IN 2006**



The legal drinking age in Korea is **19** years of age

# DRINKING RULES AND REGULATIONS

- ▶ Bring an ID Card, Residence Card or Passport
- ▶ ONLY YOUR OWN IDENTIFICATION CAN BE USED
- ▶ Public Drinking Rules
  - Drinking in alcohol-free zones may result in a fine of up to 100,000 KRW
  - Korea alcohol-free zones: city park, bus stop



**PENALTY  
NOTICE**



# DRUNK VIOLENCE

All types of drunk violence are **subject to punishment**

Engaging in such actions may result in imprisonment, a fine, detention, or other penalties for violation



# UNDER AGE DRINK

- ▶ Drinking with minors is prohibited
- ▶ Ordering alcohol is not allowed if under the legal age
  - Karaoke
  - Restaurants
  - Bars
  - Convenience stores
- ▶ Under age Drinking Punishment
  - Up to 3 years in prison or a fine of up to 30 million KRW





# DRUNK DRIVING REGULATION

- ▶ The minimum age to drive and obtain a driver's license is **18** years old
- ▶ The minimum age to rent a car is **21** years old
- ▶ Drunk driving punishment
  - **1~6 years** of imprisonment or **5~30,000,000 KRW** fine
  - Temporary or permanent license cancellation



# NOISE VIOLENCE

Excessive noise is prohibited in residential areas after **10PM**

Passengers should avoid speaking loudly or making loud phone calls on public transportation or in public places



# VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM



Violence or theft against vending machines and ATMs is taken seriously

Such actions can lead to charges, fines, or imprisonment based on the damage

# SMOKING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The legal smoking age in Korea is 19 years of age

Bring an ID Card, Residence Card or Passport

Smoking is not allowed in non-smoking areas





# SMOKING AREAS

Smoking is only allowed in



“Heub-yeonguyek”



Public area



SolBridge



SolGeo

# DRUG POLICY

All unapproved drugs are **illegal**

## Narcotic drugs

- Poppy
- Opium
- All alkaloids extracted (Heroin, Morphine, etc)



## Psychoactive substances

- Hallucinogens
- Stimulants
- Depressants
- Sleeping pills



## Cannabis

- Marijuana
- Hashish
- Hashish oil

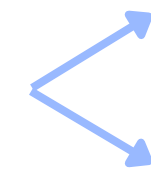




# PUNISHMENT

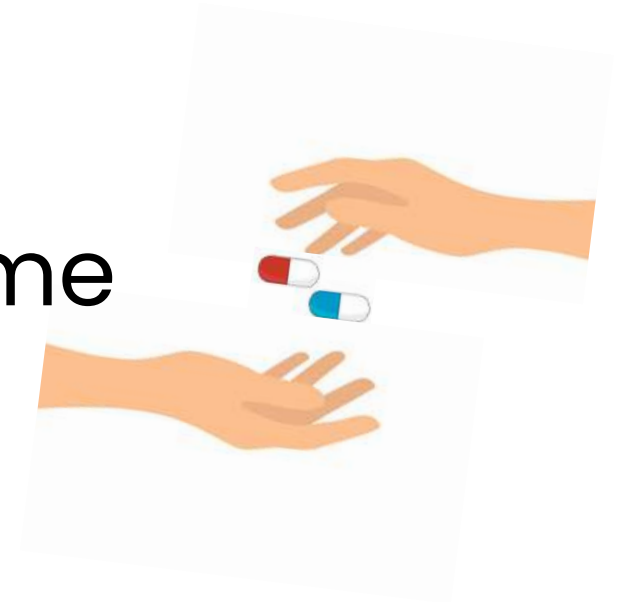
①

TRADE



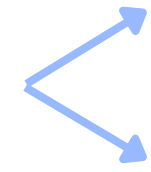
Imprisonment: over 5 years ~ lifetime

Fine: up to 100,000,000 KRW



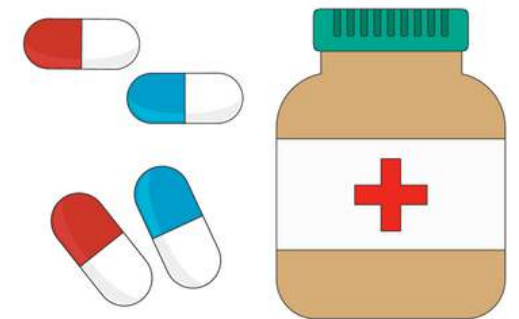
②

POSSESSION



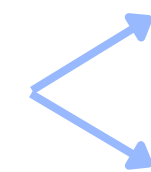
Imprisonment: 1~10 years

Fine: under 100,000,000 KRW



③

USAGE



Imprisonment: 1 ~ 10 years

Fine: under 100,000,000 KRW  
(Including Korean citizens)



# SEXUAL VIOLENCE

All types of sexual violence are **subject to punishment**

Sexual remarks

Sexual harassment

Sexual assault

Sneak photo & video shooting

Distribution of illegally taken  
photographs or videos



# PUNISHMENT

①

Fine



②

Imprisonment



③

Compulsory Eviction Orders  
(Deported from the country)



# LICENSE & VEHICLE



# LICENSE

## Driving in Korea



Exchange foreign driver license

Apply for international drive license

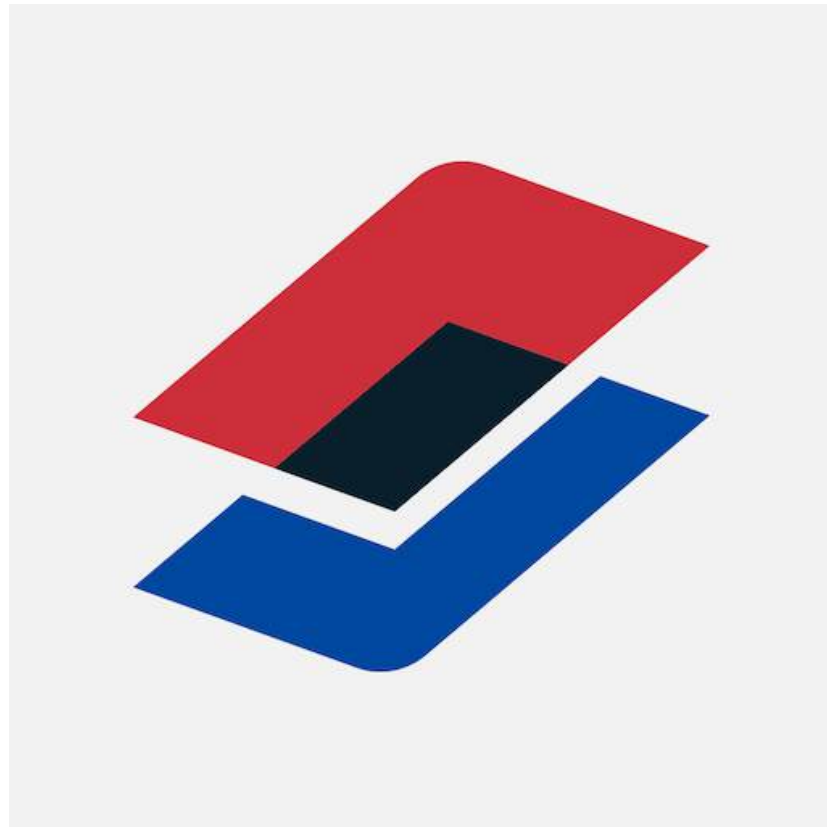
(Only available for short-term residents)

Korean driver license

Acquire a new Korean driver license



# MOBILE IDENTIFICATION APP



- ▶ **ONLY YOUR OWN IDENTIFICATION CAN BE USED**
- ▶ Effect of the mobile ID card
  - Same validity as a physical ID card
  - Available to all registered expats aged 14 years or older
  - Can be used various places  
(Public and financial institutions, convenience stores, and hospitals)



★ Physical ID cards issued 2025 have an embedded chip installed. So Students who received **ID card before 2025**, they can get the mobile ID only if they visit an immigration or foreign affairs office and scan the QR code with their smartphones.



# LICENSE

## NEEDED

Car

Motorcycle

E-scooter

Truck



## NOT NEEDED

Bicycle

Inline Skate

Rollerblades

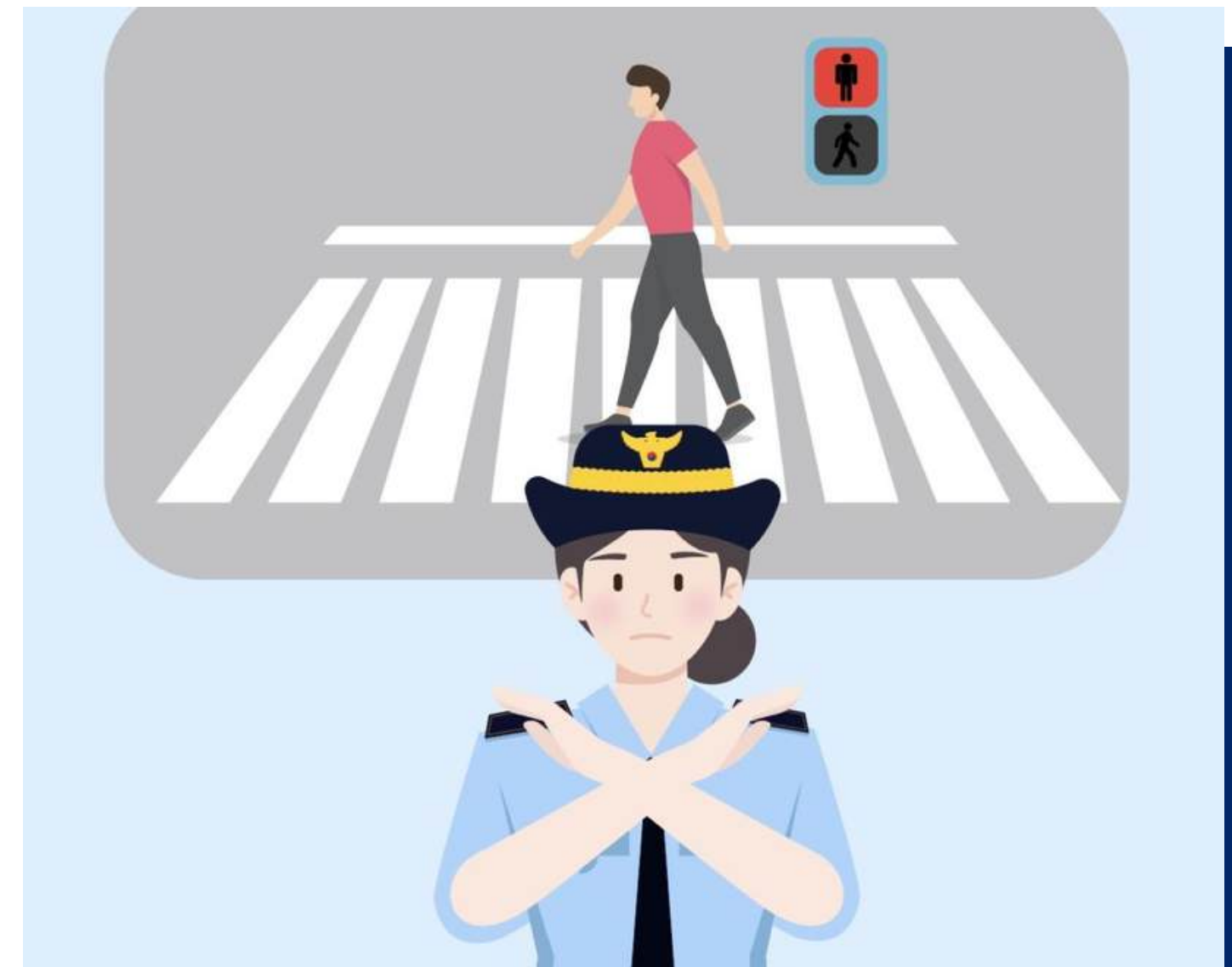


# JAYWALKING

## Definition:

Crossing a street illegally or unsafely, often outside crosswalks or against traffic signals

- Fine up to 20,000 ~ 30,000 KRW
- Detention or Penalty for violations



# CAR AND MOBILITY LAWS

## Burner Car

- Stolen car for crime
- Burner car risks punishment
- Driver responsible for costs

## Compulsory Car Insurance

- Insurance protect victims
- No insurance leads penalties
- Driver responsible for insured damages

## Personal Mobility

- Small, lightweight vehicles
- E-scooters, Bikes, Balance scooters
- Updated road rules (Since May 13, 2021)

# IMPORTANCE

## Burner Car

- Unknowingly driving stolen vehicle punished
- Document ownership to avoid responsibility
- Unable to obtain regular car insurance

## Compulsory Car Insurance

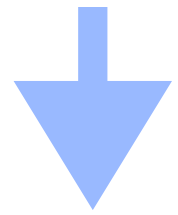
- Compare insurance companies' prices
- Reduces financial burden
- Support medical expenses

## Personal Mobility

- Low emissions help protect environment
- Lights required for night driving
- Use bike lanes or right side of road

# BIKE / E-SCOOTER

No license



Fine: 100,000  
KRW



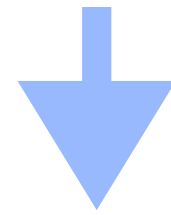
Under 16  
prohibited



Fine: 100,000  
KRW



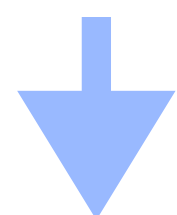
No helmet



Fine: 20,000  
KRW



2 people on  
1 scooter



Fine: 40,000  
KRW





# BIKE / E-SCOOTER / TAXI



# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



**BUS**



**TAXI**



**SUBWAY**



# PAYMENT & USEFUL APPLICATIONS

## BUS & SUBWAY



T-money  
card



Credit/debit  
card



No Cash



T-money app to charge  
and check money online

## TAXI



T-money  
card



Credit/debit  
card



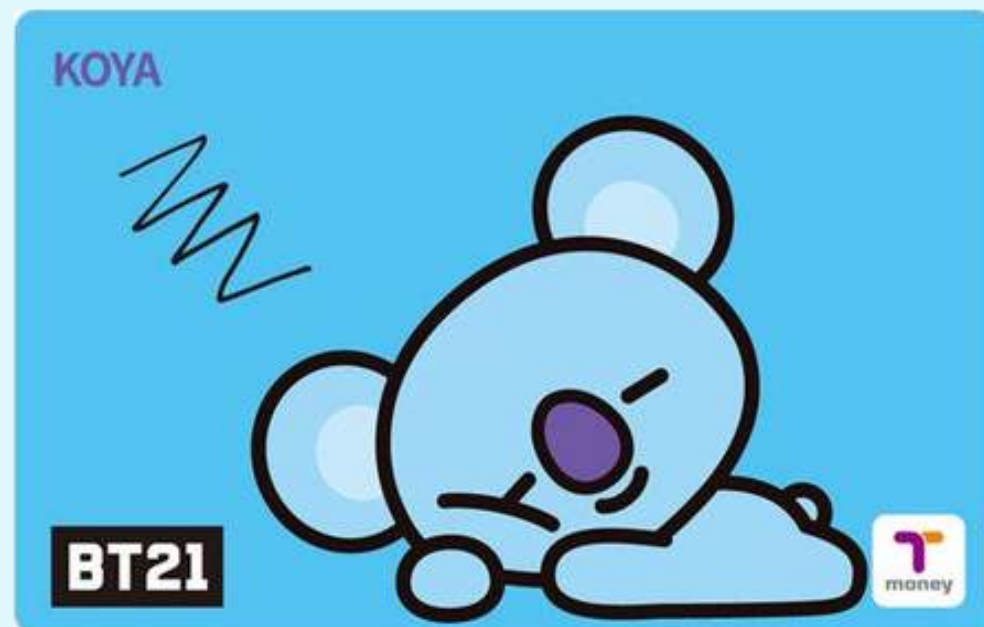
Cash



Kakao Taxi app to  
order taxi

# T-MONEY & STUDENT ID CARD

- Buy & charge t-money in convenience store (GS25, CU, 7 eleven, etc.)
- Inform driver about two people fares
- Payment confirmation sound alerts



- Available use for everywhere
- Charge at ATM machine in convenience store (GS25, CU, 7 eleven, etc.)







# RULES IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

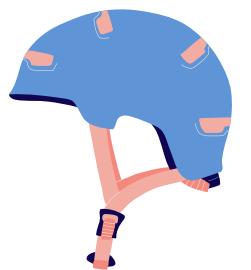
- Seats for transportation vulnerable (Pregnant women, elderly people, etc.)
- If you are healthy, please give up for vulnerable

- No food or drink
- Do not block seats and passageway with your luggage



# SAFETY NOTES

- 1 Always carry your ID card with you 
- 2 Fasten your seatbelt 
- 3 Keep to driving speed and signal 
- 4 No driving under the influence of alcohol 
- 5 Wearing helmet (Motorcycles, Bicycles, E-scooter)





# VISA AND IMMIGRATION LAWS

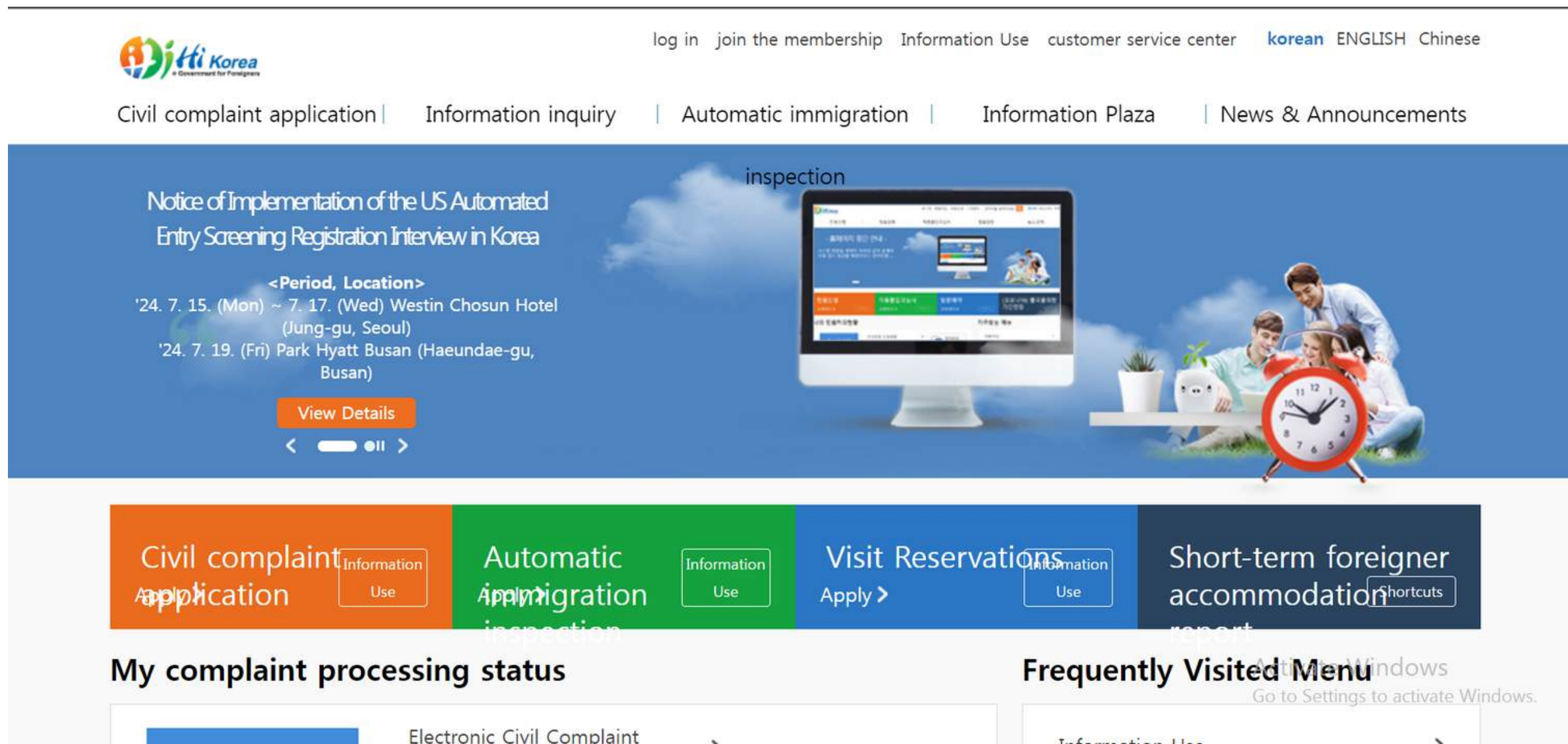


# KOREAN IMMIGRATION PORTER

WEBSITE



<https://www.hikorea.go.kr/Main.pt>



The screenshot shows the Hikorea website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'log in', 'join the membership', 'Information Use', 'customer service center', and language options: 'korean', 'ENGLISH', and 'Chinese'. Below this is a secondary menu with 'Civil complaint application', 'Information inquiry', 'Automatic immigration', 'Information Plaza', and 'News & Announcements'. The main banner features a blue background with a computer monitor displaying the website interface and a family (a man, a woman, and a child) sitting on the grass next to a large red alarm clock. Text on the banner includes 'inspection', 'Notice of Implementation of the US Automated Entry Screening Registration Interview in Korea', and details about the period and location of the interview: '<Period, Location> '24. 7. 15. (Mon) ~ 7. 17. (Wed) Westin Chosun Hotel (Jung-gu, Seoul)' and '<Period, Location> '24. 7. 19. (Fri) Park Hyatt Busan (Haeundae-gu, Busan)'. A 'View Details' button is present. Below the banner is a row of four colored boxes: orange for 'Civil complaint application', green for 'Automatic immigration', blue for 'Visit Reservations', and dark blue for 'Short-term foreigner accommodation'. Each box has an 'Information Use' button. At the bottom, there are sections for 'My complaint processing status' and 'Frequently Visited Menu'.



# Regidence Card



# CASES MIGHT BE SEEN

**Based on your Alien Residence Card session**

- 1 Reporting Change of Information
- 2 Residence Card Extension



# 1 Reporting Change of Information

**Changing of Address without permission is illegal!**

All international students with student visa (D-2) or any other type of visa that allows taking degree program in Korea, must report the change in any information of Residence Card within **14** days of the occurrence to Daejeon Immigration Office

**OR**

Change of information can be reported by either visiting the Immigration Office or online at [HiKorea](#), the immigration website

# 1 Reporting Change of Information

**Changing of Address without permission is illegal!**

★ **If the change is NOT reported within 14 days  
More than 100,000 KRW of fine will be charged**

★ It might defer case by case

## 2 Residence Card Extension

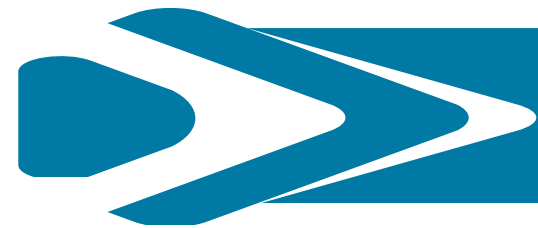
★ **Contact to Student Services Team at least  
1 month before expiration date**

★ Expiration date is written at the backside of residence card



# KOREA IMMIGRATION OFFICE

Address



대전광역시 중구 목종로26번길 7 대전 출입국 사무소



# HEALTH INSURANCE





# INSURANCE

**National Health Insurance is not optional but **mandatory****

- By paying monthly premiums, students can avail benefits when visiting hospitals or seeking medical care
- ★ • The average monthly insurance premium is approximately 150,000 won, but **D-2** and **F-4** visas receive a **50% discount**, paying around **75,000** won (as of March 2025)
- Insurance premiums are billed by the National Health Insurance Corporation
- Insurance premiums may be subject to an annual increase

Information can be changeable due to the government  
Please keep follow the email from the Student Services Team

# INSURANCE

National Health Insurance is not optional but **mandatory**

**Failure to pay the National Health Insurance may result in the inability to extend your visa, so please make sure to pay it every month.**

# WORKING OFF CAMPUS

**For more information on this matter,  
contact CDC (Career Development Center)**



**EMAIL: [cdc@solbridge.ac.kr](mailto:cdc@solbridge.ac.kr)**

**OFFICE: ROOM 303/304**

**Contact CDC by email before visiting the office**

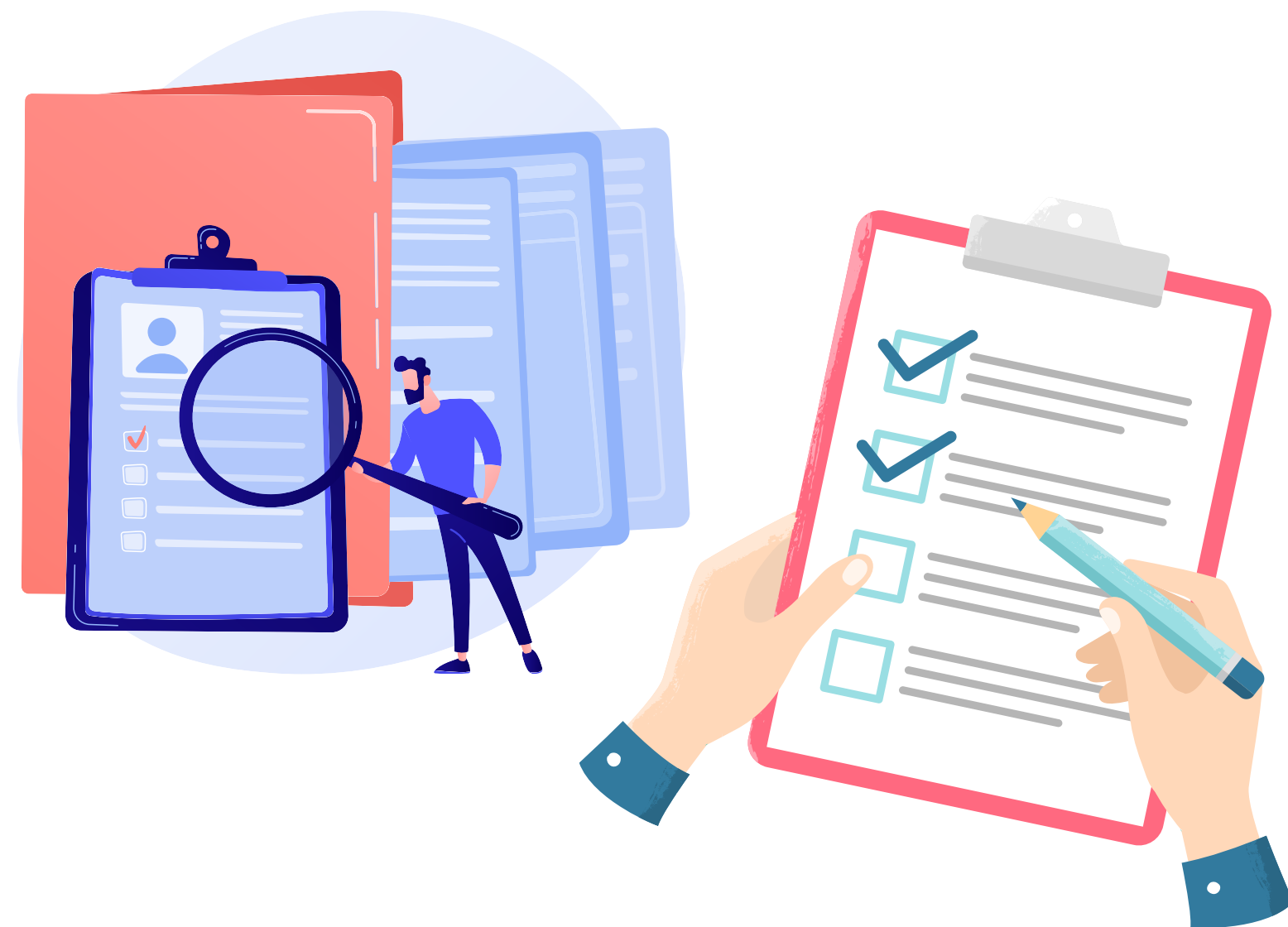


# PART-TIME JOB REQUIREMENTS

**Working outside without permission is illegal!**

## **Applicant Eligibility**

- Registration Card with student visa (D-2)
- GPA over 2.0 in the previous semester
- Currently enrolled at Korean University (less than 8 semesters of enrollment)



# PART-TIME JOB VIOLATIONS

## Example of violations

- Private Tutoring
- Construction
- Delivery worker
- A workplace located more than 60 minutes away
- If the permission for the activity was obtained by lying or other illegal means

## Penalties for violations

- Pay fine
- Departure due to visa extension denial
- Deportation

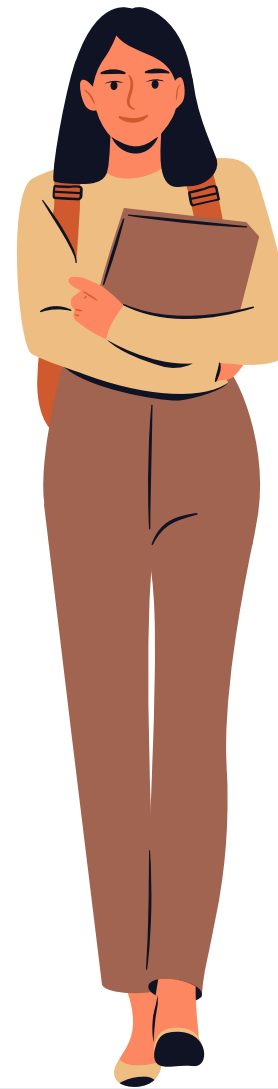


# PART-TIME JOB SCAM

**Being involved as a person A, B, or C is illegal**



**A**



**B**



**C**

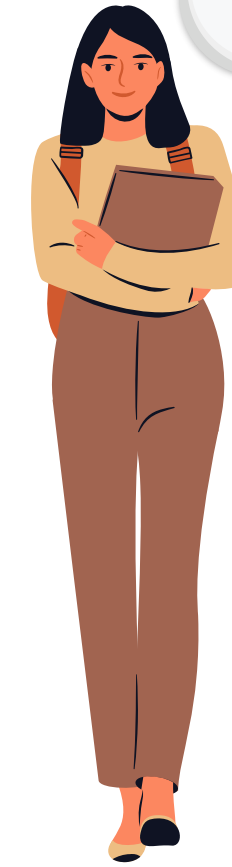
A



**A hiring B**  
**(without permission from IO)**



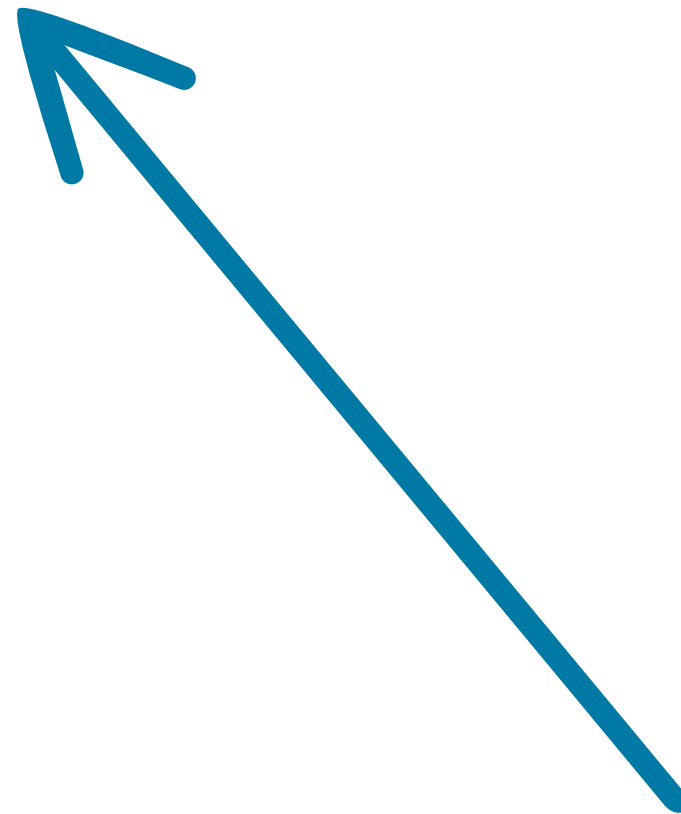
B



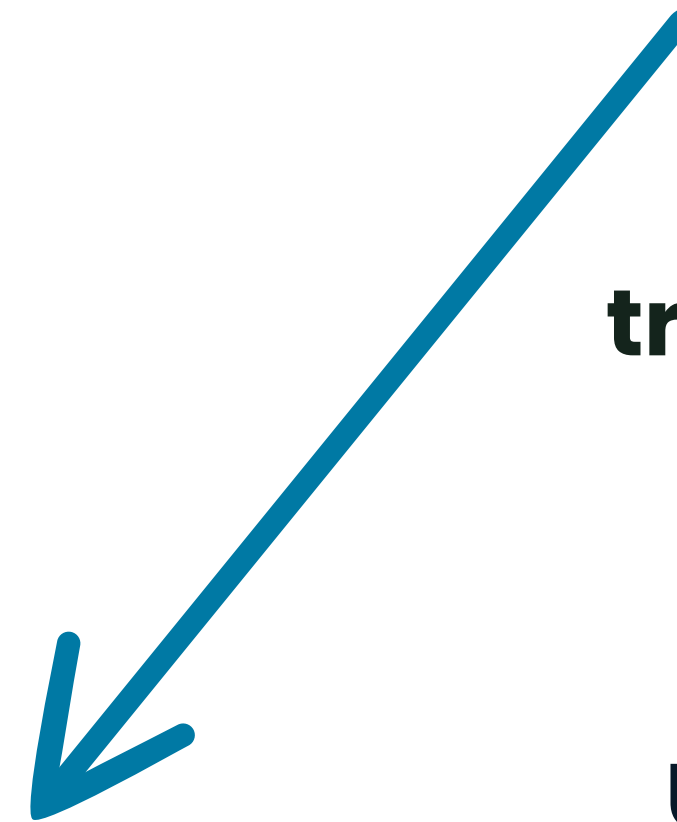
C



**C passing illegal  
money to A**  
**(Intentionally)**



**Cash or wire  
transfer between B**  
**and C**  
**(Intentionally /  
Unintentionally)**





# ACCOMMODATION AND RENT



# SOLGEO DORMITORY



- Apply in advance
- Extend each semester
- Curfew 23:00 ~ 5:30
- Smoking only allowed in certain area
- Alcohol is strictly prohibited
- Kitchen, dance room, study room available



# RENT & ACCOMMODATION APP

## House Rent App & Sites:

집토스

Ziptoss

네이버 부동산

Land.naver

다방

Dabang

집방

Zippang



# HOUSE CONTRACT TIPS

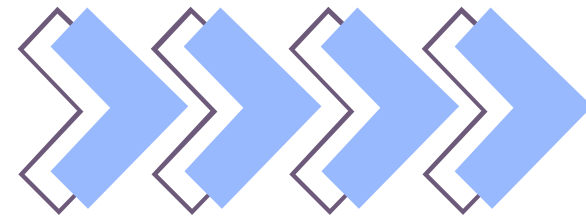


## Before Contract

1. Check if the estate agency and realtor is registered
2. Search appropriate market price
3. Check if the landlord has the ability to pay tax



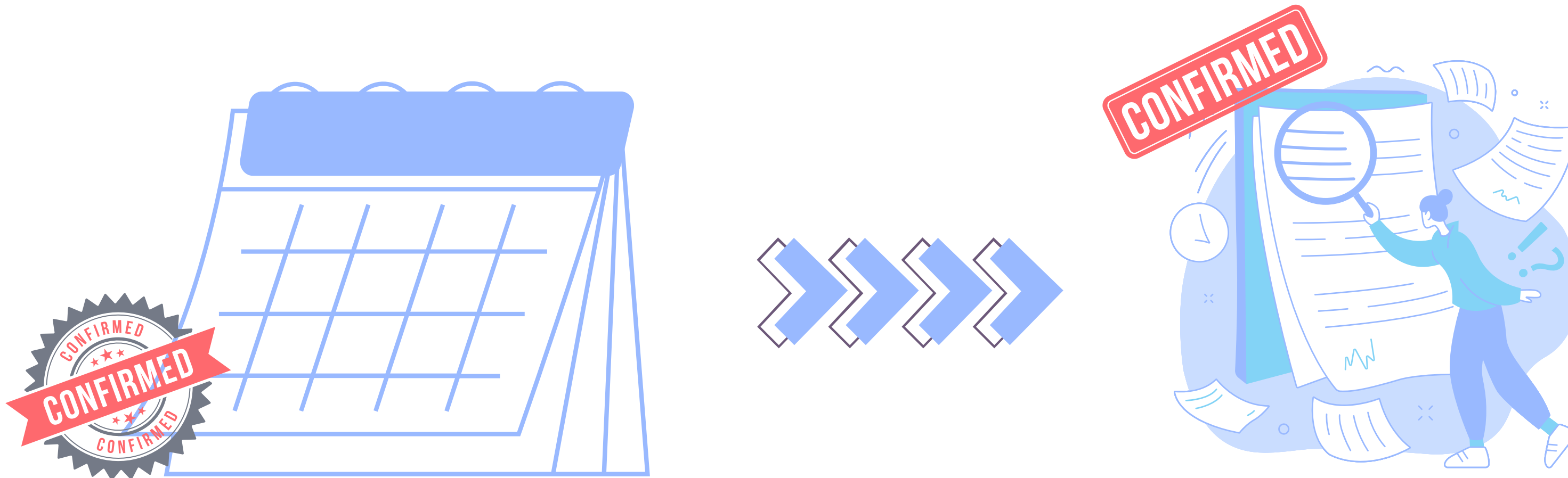
# HOUSE CONTRACT TIPS



## During Contract

1. Verify landlord's identity (ID card)
2. Use the house rental standard contract

# HOUSE CONTRACT TIPS



## After Contract

1. Report move-in and receive the confirmed date
2. Reconfirm the rights relationship

# CHANGING ADDRESS



Report your address change within 2 weeks

## **Contact**

Student Services Team

[studentservices@solbridge.ac.kr](mailto:studentservices@solbridge.ac.kr)

Failure to report the change might result in consequences by the Immigration Office

# CHANGING ADDRESS



Report your address change within 2 weeks

## **Contact**

Student Services Team

[studentservices@solbridge.ac.kr](mailto:studentservices@solbridge.ac.kr)

Failure to report the change might result in consequences by the Immigration Office

# **CYBER- CRIME/SCAM**






# CRIME/SCAM PREVENTION GUIDE

## Crime Prevention Guide for Foreigners

(offered in 14 different languages)

QR Code	Language
	1.한국어 2.English 3.日本語 4.中文 5.Bahasa Indonesia 6.O'zbek tili 7.Tagalog(Filipino) 8.русский 9.Монгол хэл 10.Tiếng Việt 11.12. اللغة العربية 13.ភាសាខ្មែរ 14.ไทย

**The crime  
prevention guide  
for foreigners is  
available in all  
the languages  
shown**

# DRUG CRIME



- Recent arrests of celebrities have been made in connection with the use of methamphetamine.
- The celebrities in the news are known to have gone online and set up a dead drop where the drugs can be picked up
- Everyone should be aware of the danger of illegal drugs and violators should be punished accordingly

# SEXUAL CRIME



- Includes the physical, verbal, and mental harassment
- It also includes showing or making a sexual video without the consent of the person involved, verbal or physical harassment
- Even without physical assault, any behavior imposed against someone's will is regarded as harassment or rape

# GAMBLING CRIME

**These are a few types of gambling crimes**



## General Gambling Crime

- Wagering of a money or something of value on an event with uncertain outcome, with the intent of winning. The consistent act of gambling is subject to heavy punishment
- However, for the purpose of one-time entertainment is not considered a gambling crime



# GAMBLING CRIME

**These are a few types of gambling crimes**



## **Providing Gambling Place Crime**

- A punishment is imposed on a person who provides or opens a place for gambling with the primary intent for earning profit
- Even a person providing a place for gambling may be subject to punishment heavier than the gambler's punishment



# FRAUD AND SCAM

## VOICE PHISHING



- Often use phone calls and electronic device
- Judiciary of South Korea doesn't request fee transfers over the phone.
- Contact 112 or 1332 to report and freeze the account

# VOICE PHISHING

These are a few types of voice phishing scams



- **Cash Collection:** Handling large cash amounts is risky, often requiring you to collect and deliver it to a specific location
- **Remittance:** Large sums and commissions may seem tempting, but the risk of crime is high

# VOICE PHISHING

These are a few types of voice phishing scams



- **Bank card lending:** Never lend your bank account or card. Your information could be used for criminal activities
- **Proxy mobile phone activation:** Do not activate a mobile phone on someone else's behalf. The victim may consider you a perpetrator

# CASH COLLECTION



**Collecting large amounts of cash is dangerous!**

- Instructions to collect cash
- High risk of involvement in crime
- How to prevent it



# CASH COLLECTION

## Example: Job postings easily found on Facebook

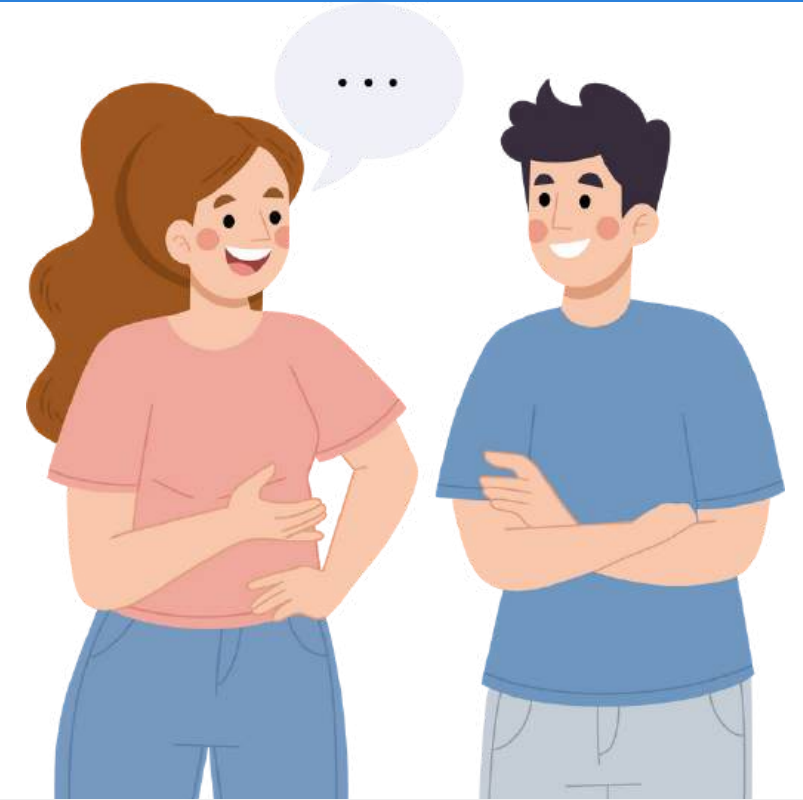
- High earnings 
- No experience required 
- Lack of company details 

## Example: Companies that only communicate via messaging apps

- Telegram 
- Whatsapp 
- WeChat 



# TYPES OF CASES



## **Case 1: A friend's offer to pay university tuition on your behalf**

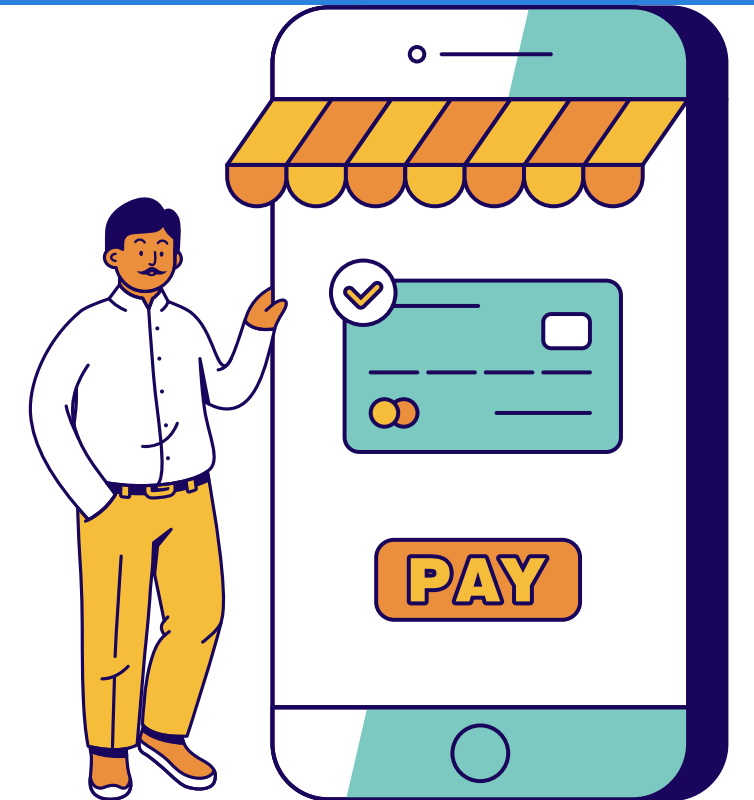
1. **Friend's offer:** Be cautious if a friend offers to exchange your hometown currency for Korean Won to help pay tuition
2. **Offer of a commission:** A friend may offer to exchange money, pay your tuition, and give a commission, but it could involve you in crime

### **※ Risks of involvement in crime ※**

The money may come from a voice phishing scam, so always decline unofficial currency exchanges

# TYPES OF CASES

## Case 2: Duty-free purchase Agency



1. **Offer:** Offers to work as a duty-free purchasing agent with high commissions are common
2. **Instructions for currency exchange or money transfer:** They may ask you to exchange currency or transfer Korean Won to someone they direct

### ✂ Risks ✂

In reality, you could unknowingly become involved in crime by transferring voice phishing funds or criminal proceeds

# TYPES OF CASES

## Case 3: A proposal to purchase Jewellery from a jewelry store and deliver it



49

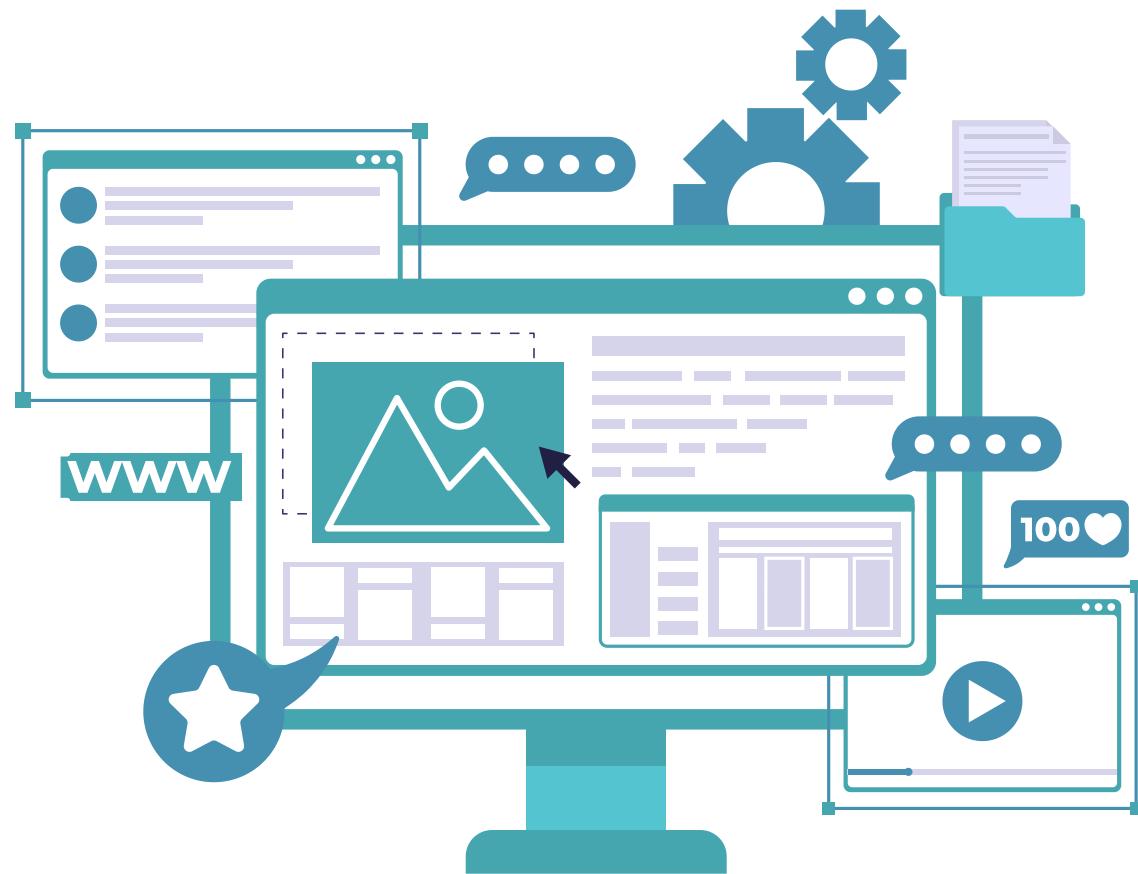
1. **Offer:** They may ask you to buy a gold necklace with a bank transfer, resell it, and deliver the payment to someone they specify
2. **Characteristics:** Such offers often come through apps like Telegram, promising easy money with commissions or rewards to make them seem attractive

### ✂ Caution ✂

What seems like a simple task of buying and selling jewelry could unknowingly involve you in crimes like money laundering or fraud

# SOLUTIONS

**Research about the company before proceeding**



**Official Company website**



**Social media**



**Job Hiring websites**



# SOLUTIONS



## **Safe communication**

It is safer to communicate through the company's website

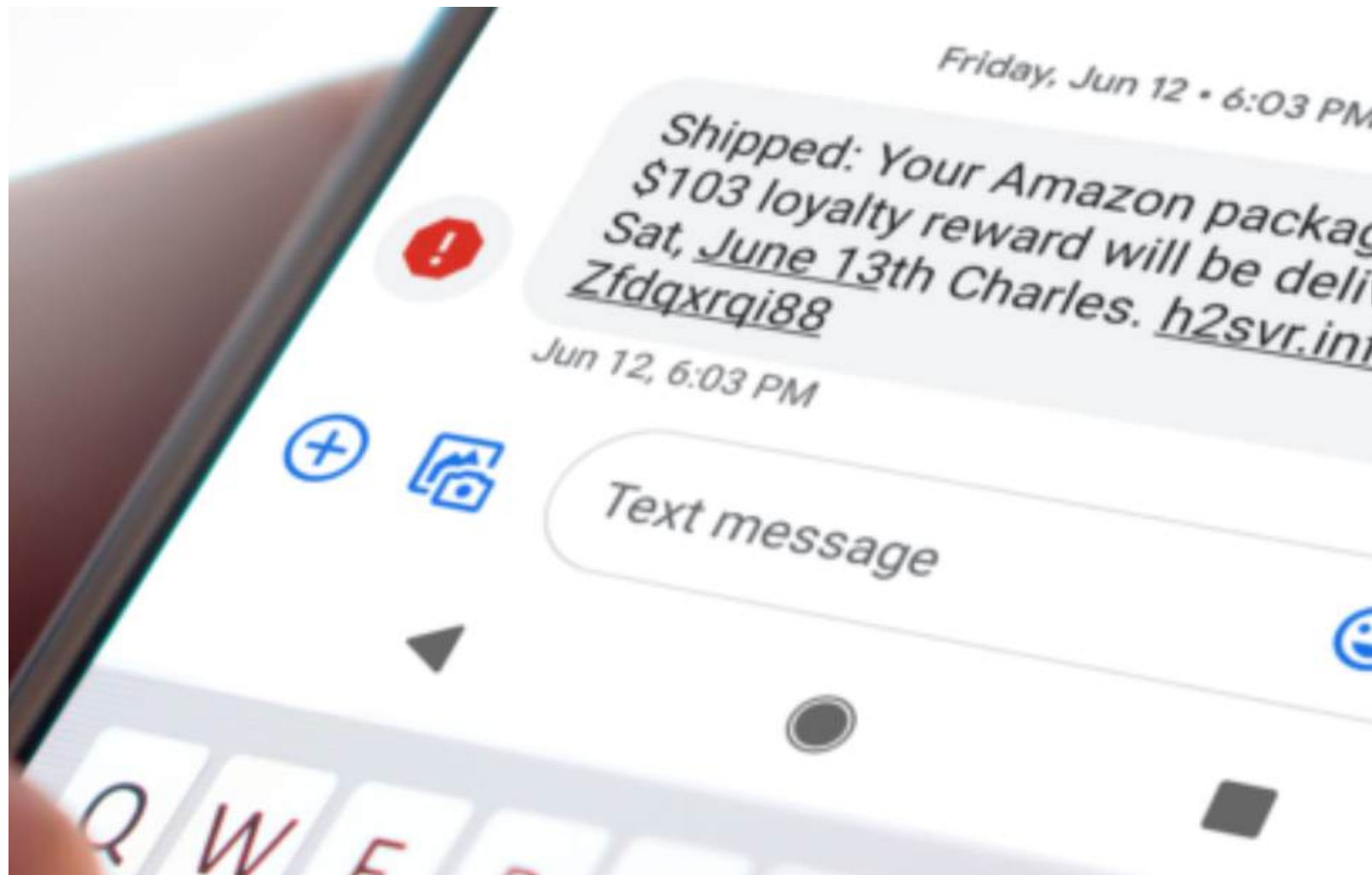


## **Risky Communication**

Avoid using messenger apps such as Whatsapp, Telegram or WeChat

# FRAUD AND SCAM

## SMISHING (SMS + PHISHING)



- Receive a 'Free coupon' or 'invitation' that contains a URL is SMS
- URL installs malware that charges or hacks your phone to access to your personal information
- Do not click a link that is attached to a message or email

# FRAUD AND SCAM

## CONDITION-BASED DATING



- Condition-based dating website and random chat app can coax someone for illegal prostitution or commercial sex
- Avoid sending money to protect the privacy of someone you plan to date

# FRAUD AND SCAM

## INTERNET GOODS TRADE FRAUD

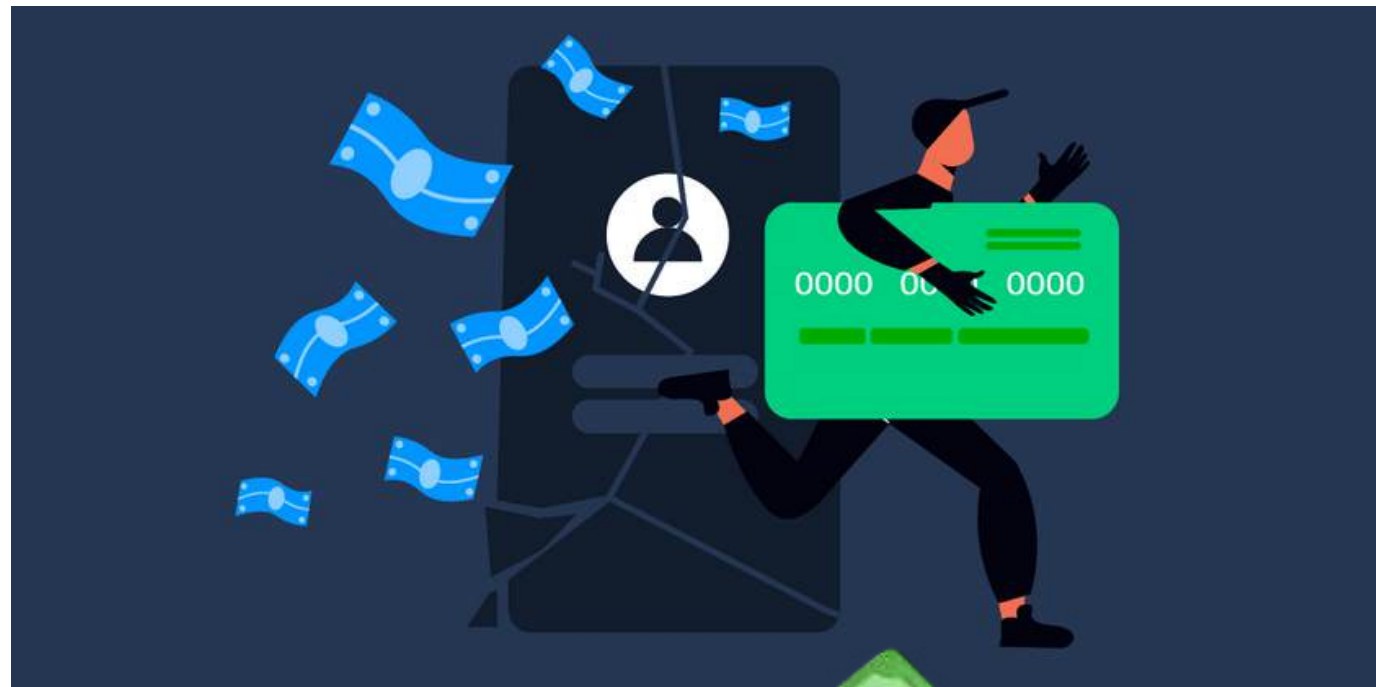


- The seller sells a product that the sender does not has secured on an e-commerce
- Do not use a safe trade website via KakaoTalk or SNS chat
- Use the "Cybercob" app to verify websites known to be fraudulent



# FRAUD AND SCAM

## BANK ACCOUNT FRAUD



- Do not lend your bankbook or credit card to someone else,
- Account can easily be abused for voice-phishing and used for civil damages



# FRAUD AND SCAM

## ILLEGAL SIM CARD SCAM

SKT 5GX

kt 5G

U+ 5G

- Make sure to go to an official Sim Card Store
- Some unofficial Sim Card stores are inclined to sell your personal information

# MOBILE PHONE SCAMS (USIM PROXY ACTIVATION)

**These are a few types of mobile phone scams:**



- “If you activate a mobile phone for me, I will pay you 40,000 won per USIM card”
  - Activating a mobile phone for someone else or providing a USIM card is a violation of the Telecommunications Business Act, and can result in up to one year of imprisonment or a fine of up to 50 million won

# MOBILE PHONE SCAMS (USIM PROXY ACTIVATION)

**These are a few types of mobile phone scams:**



- “Please deliver the mobile phone” or “Just turn on the repeater and move it”
  - Be cautious of job offers that ask you to deliver multiple mobile phones or simply keep the power on for a repeater, as these requests may be used for fraudulent activities

# SOLUTIONS

**Do not activate a mobile USIM on behalf of anyone**



**Activating someone's else's  
mobile phone on their behalf is  
illegal**

**Receiving someone else's mobile phone or  
USIM card and passing it on to another  
person is considered a crime**

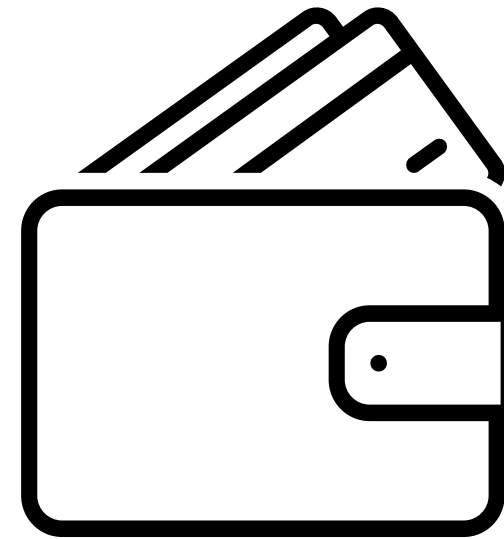
**If the mobile phone you activated for  
someone else is used in a crime could  
lead to investigation and charge**

# FRAUD WARNING SIGNS

Unexpected charges  
appear on your bank  
accounts



You receive an email  
that doesn't look quite  
right



You're asked to verify  
sensitive information  
over the phone



Unfamiliar accounts or  
inaccurate information  
appear on your credit  
report





**BANKING**

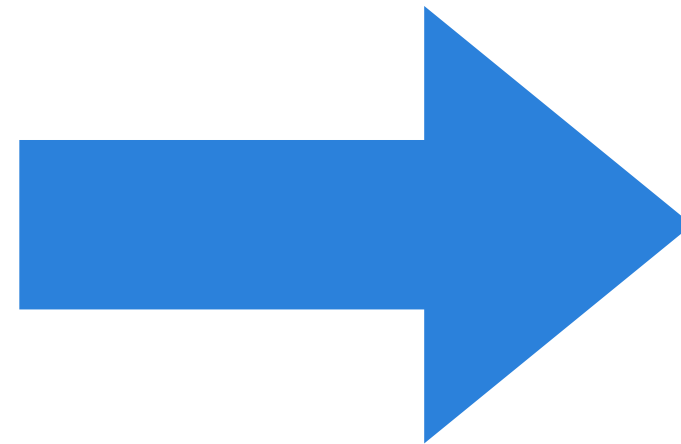


**하나은행**  
Hana Bank

# BANK IN KOREA



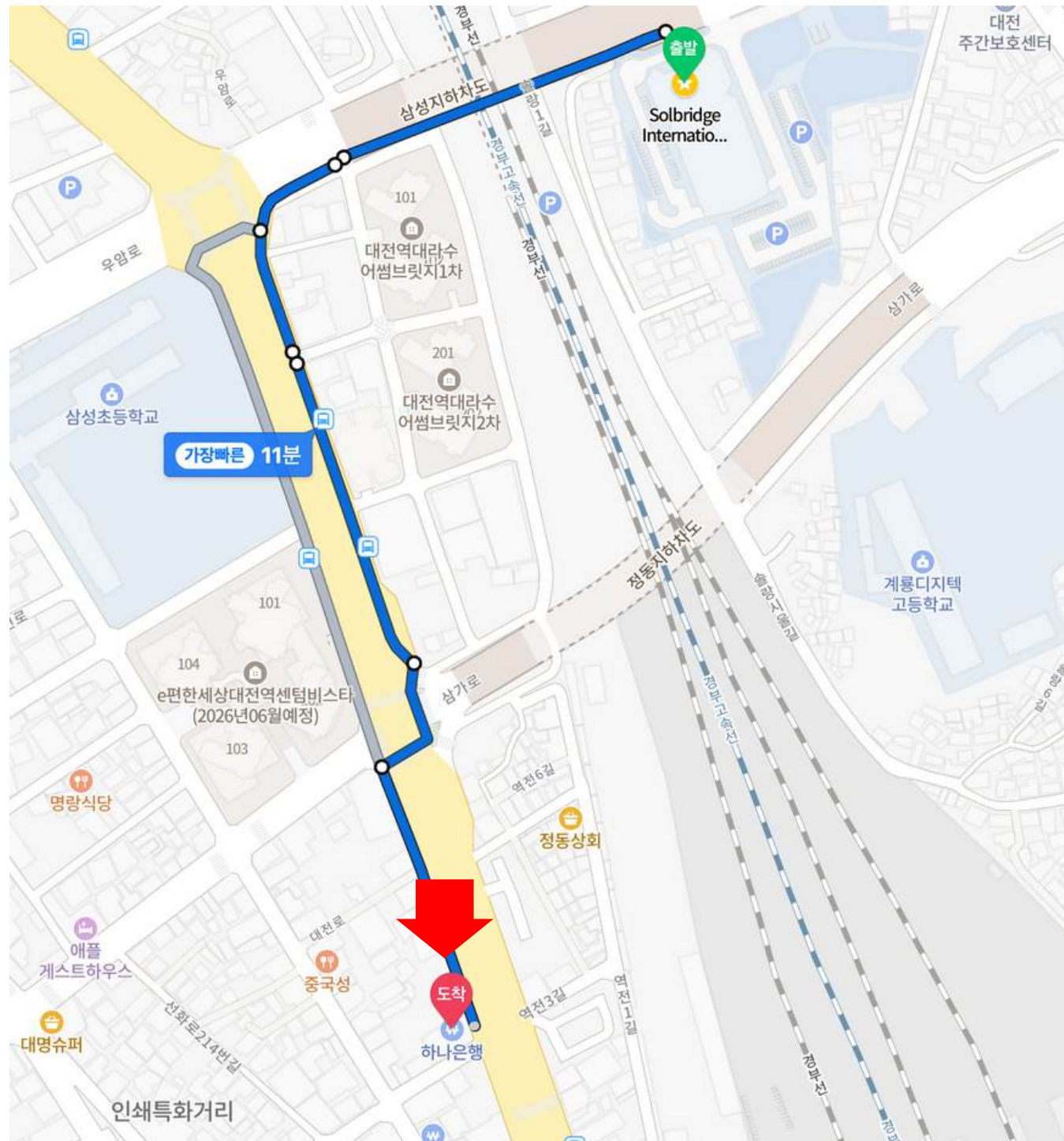
# BANK CARD



## **SolBridge Student ID Card by Hana Bank**

**Online version of Student ID Card  
Transportation  
Payment  
Debit Card Function**

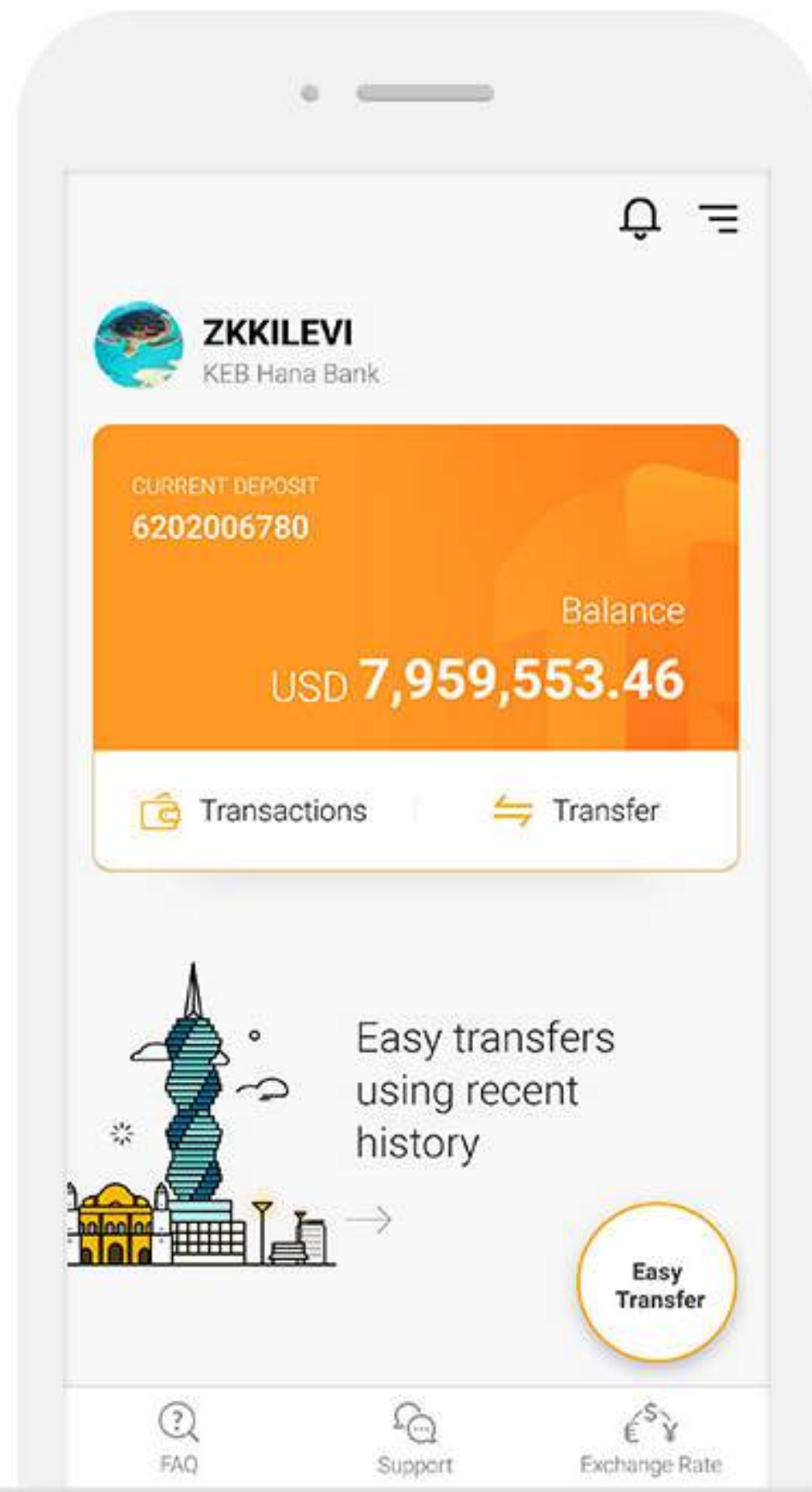
# WHERE IS HANA BANK?



**From SolBrdige to Hana Bank**

**Walk**  
~ 10 minutes

# ONLINE BANKING



From Hana1Q app you can

- Transfer
- Online payment
- Telephone consultation
- Account balance



**IPHONE**

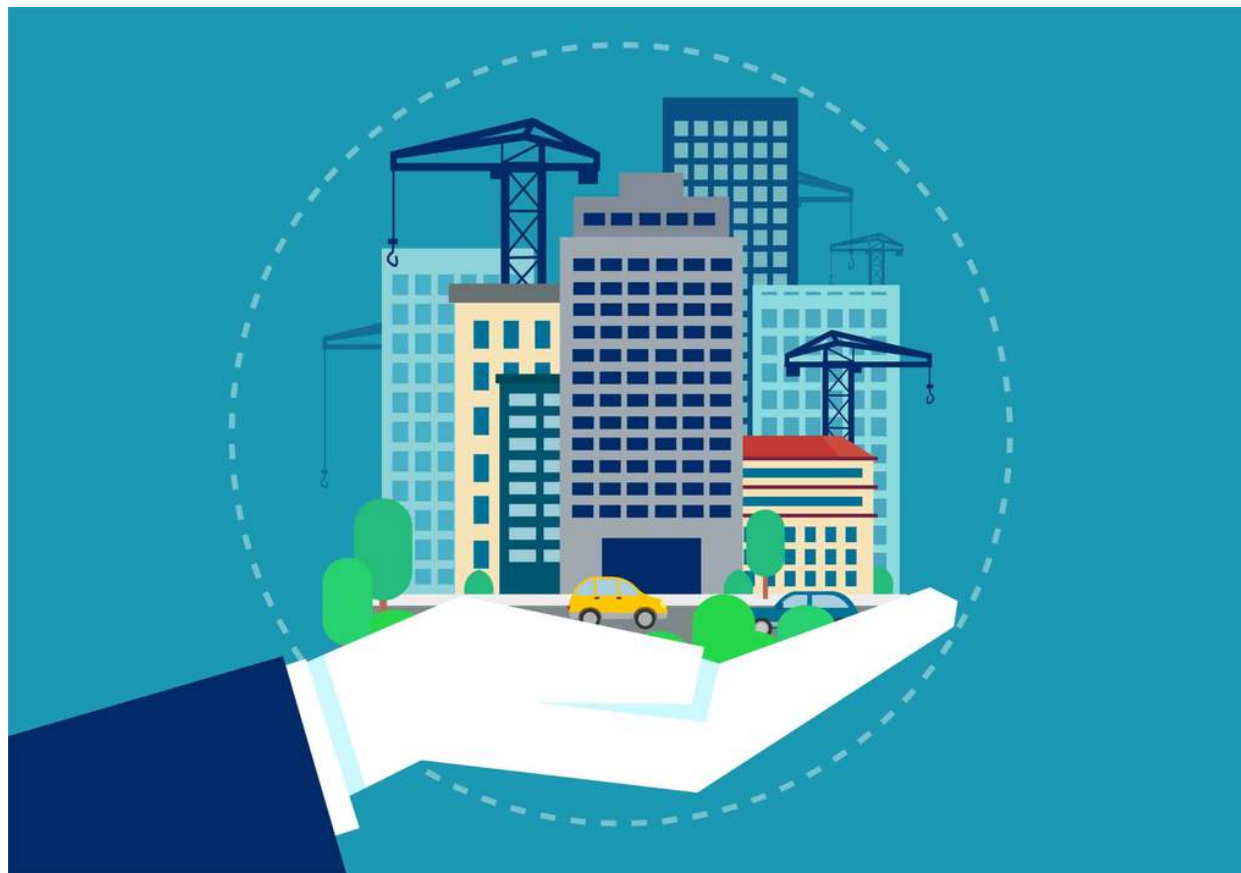


**SAMSUNG**



# FOREIGN EXCHANGE CAUTIONS

- Buying or Selling by an authorized dealer. Using money that is not approved by Korea is illegal
- Sending money abroad or making a foreign exchange knowing there is no service fee is subject to punishment



# FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTION

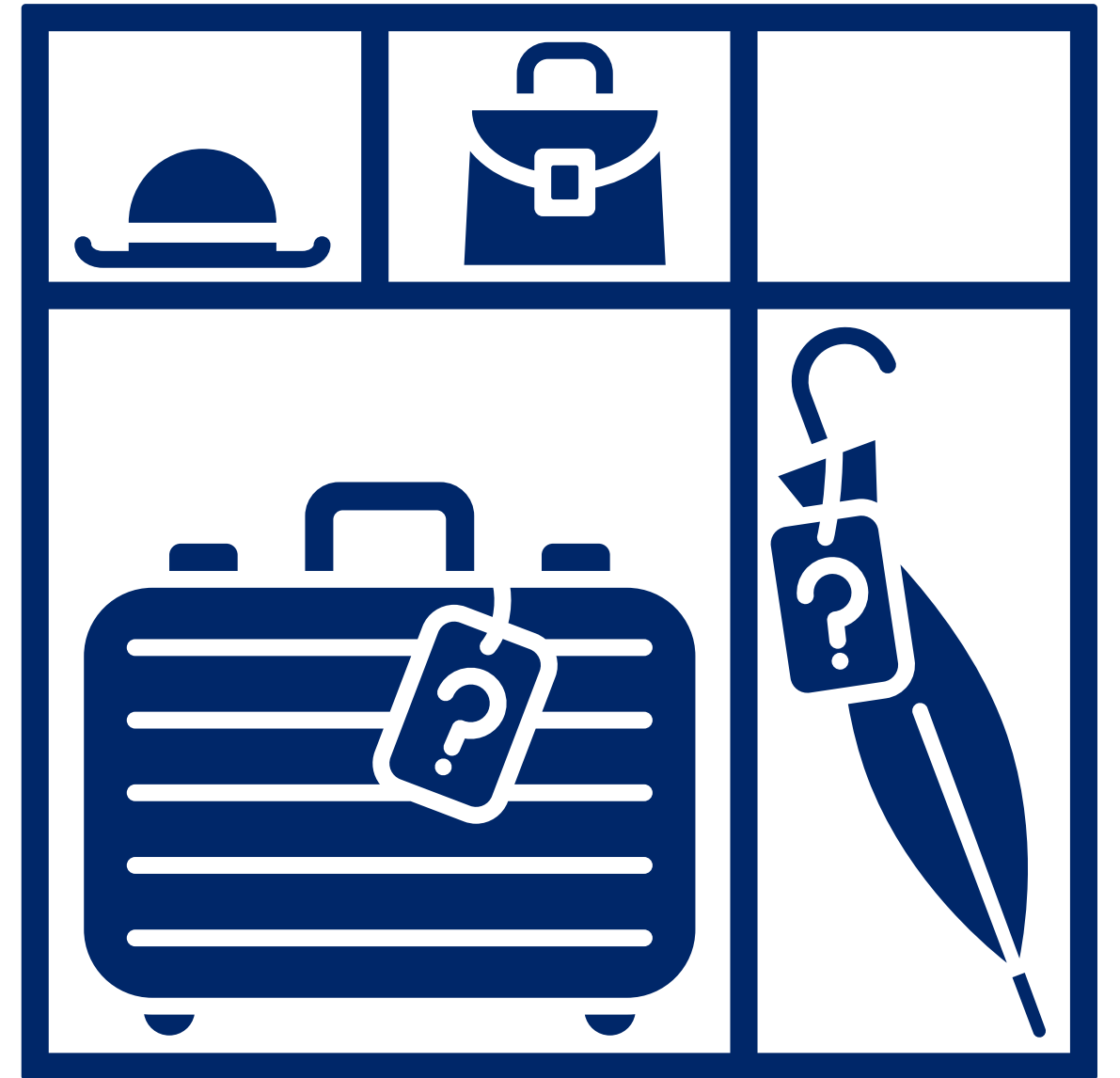


You must go to a bank or a currency exchange office

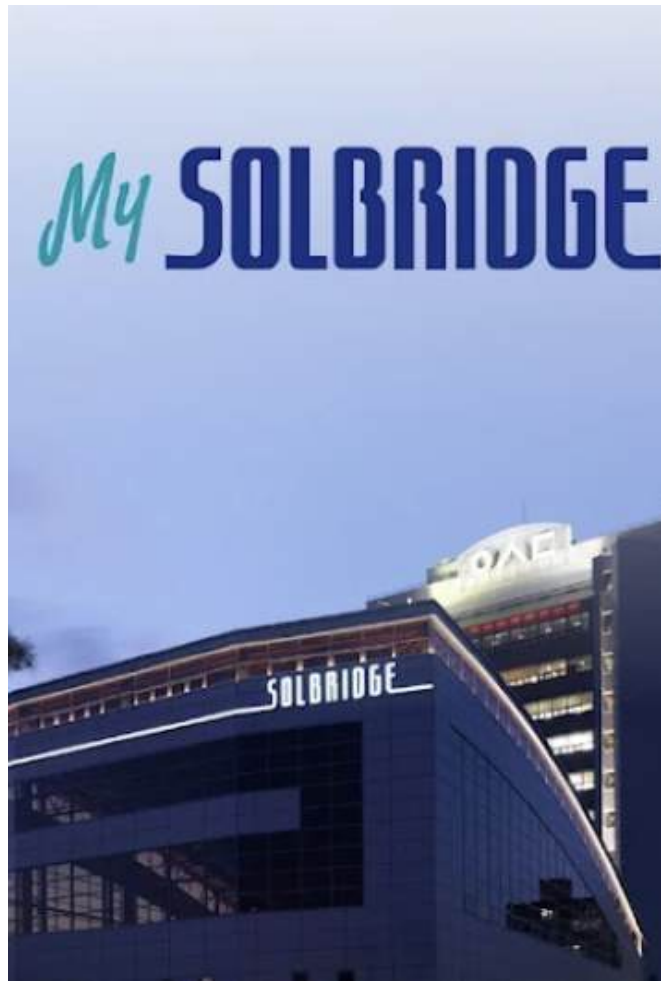


Do not exchange money illegally with an unauthorized dealer

# LOST AND FOUND



# IN SOLBRIDGE



**My SolBridge  
App**



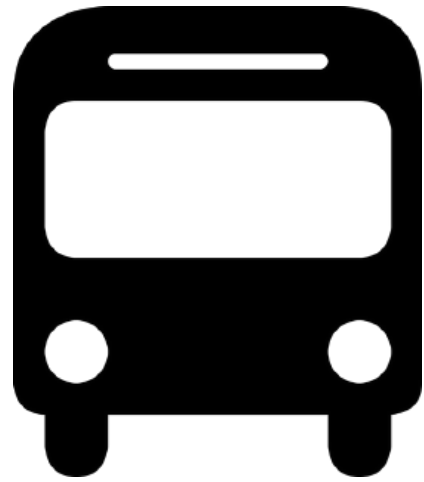
**My SolBridge  
App QR Code**



**SolBridge 5th floor  
Student Services Team**



# LOST AND FOUND IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

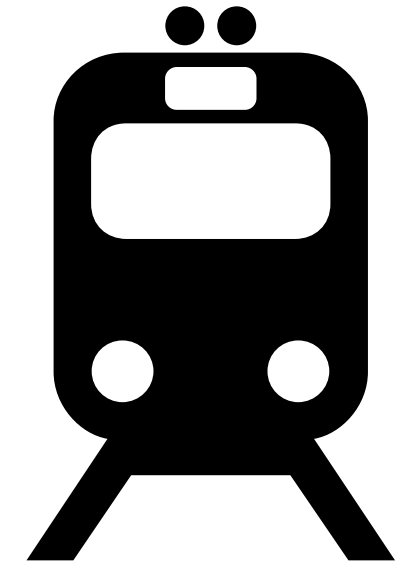


**BUS**

**Call the bus company's customer service center**

Remember the following

- Bus number
- Route direction
- Boarding time
- Transportation company



**TRAIN**

**Call the KTX's customer service center**

Remember the following

- The time of getting on and off the train
- The seat number of the train





# LOST AND FOUND IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



**TAXI**



**Call Kakao Taxi's customer  
service center**

- Use the app and click usage record
- Call the taxi driver
- Check the vehicle number and driver's information after pressing the usage case

# IF YOU STILL CAN NOT FIND?

**LOST112**



**You can visit the 112  
website**

**If not successful visit the  
nearest police station**

# LOST 112



ACT GUIDE

PROCESS FLOW

REPORTING FLOW

COPING TIPS

## RESPONSIBLE AND HOPE TO PEOPLE OF THE NEW POLICE

Welcome to the guide for Lost and Found Information System You will help you to find the Lost and Found.



### Process Flow

Guide to Process Flow of founds



### Reporting process

Guide to reporting process



### Coping tips

Guide to Coping tips



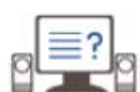
### FAQ

- How to contact you to ask any questions
- How do I report 'Lost and Found' at the
- I lost my wallet which has my ID card and credit card

MORE

### System User Guide

How to use System



### Lost & Found Site

Go to the Lost and Found Site



### Mobile Web Site

Go to the Mobile Web Site of Lost and Found



### Translation link



go>



go>



go>



go>

If you want more information, please click on the banner.

## Reporting process of Lost items

### Guides to report lost and founds

We will guide you to the process of reporting lost or founds.

Lost and reporting procedures

Report lost receipt issued guidance

Found reporting procedures

### Reporting lost items process

We will guide you to report if you lost your personal belongs.

Classification	Reporting Flow	Notes
Online Reporting of lost items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Go to Lost and Founds Information System((www.lost112.go.kr) to register your new account first. (However, For any loss of a license plate, you should visit any police station to report it.)</li><li>2. After login, click Report lost items button on main page quick menu to move the Report lost items page.</li><li>3. Enter the information for reporting lost items and click Save button to report it.</li></ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>※ Reporting the lost items can not be modified online / in case of modifying the report, you should cancel the report and then report it again.</li><li>※ Please enter the time you lost your cell phone and other items if you found out.</li></ul>
Visit police station to report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Visit nearest police station and report the lost item to Lost and Found staff.</li><li>2. The staff will issue filing receipt for it after receipt of the report.</li></ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>※ For any loss of a license plate, only visit reporting should be available.</li></ul>	

# THANK YOU

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

## SPRING SEMESTER 2025

**SOLBRIDGE**  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



**AACSB**  
ACCREDITED