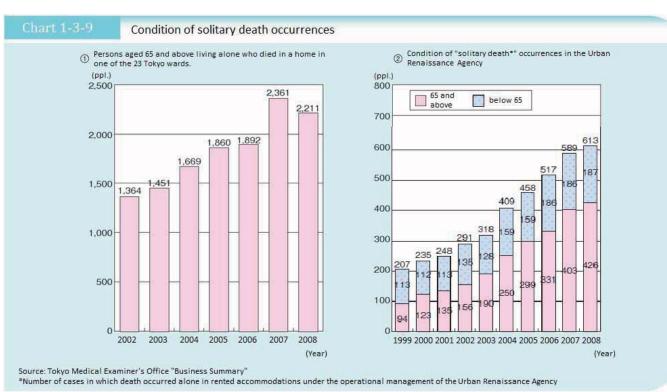


## Increase in cases of dying alone (Chart 1-3-9)

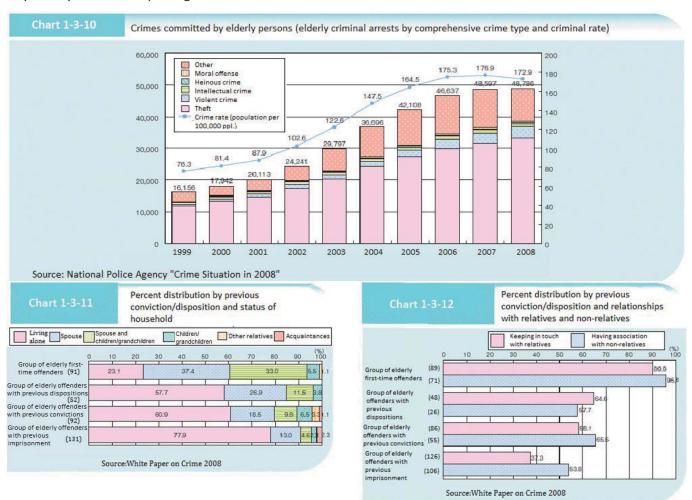
- From the 1.6-times increase (published data from the Tokyo Medical Examiner's Office) in the number of deaths at home of people over the age of 65 living alone in the 23 wards between 2002 and 2008, the included cases of dying alone are also presumed to be increasing.
- · Cases in which solitary deaths occurred in rented accommodations (app. 760,000) belonging to the Urban Renaissance

Agency (independent) approximately tripled between 2001 and 2008.



## •Increase in crimes by elderly persons

- In recent years, the increase in elderly criminals has been remarkable. Between the years 1999 and 2008, the number of arrests and criminal rate rose 3 times and 2.3 times respectively (Chart 1-3-10)
- As for the living conditions of elderly criminals, there are many culprits with previous convictions or with previous imprisonment living alone without being in touch with their relatives or non-relatives in comparison with first-time offenders. (Chart1-3-11 $\sim$ 12)
- Approximately 30% of elderly criminals are repeat offenders, but it is surmised that social isolation is one of the primary causes for repeating crimes.



## Trouble with the consumer agreement

- Consumer centers around the country have been getting reports of damage and complaints regarding "household solicitation visits" and "phone-solicitations", in which solicitors gain the trust of elderlythrough friendliness and then skillfully incite anxiety regarding health, economic condition, and feelings of isolation (Chart 1-3-13).
- · If there had been nearby people to turn to for advice, it would have been possible to prevent such damage and its spread from the start. As such, the condition of isolation is a factor for such harm.

