

Japanese official loses important papers to the wind

Vocabulary Match

- details ● spill ● scattered ● recover ● gust ● misused ●
● abused ● find ● rush ● drop ● information ● spread

Article

A Japanese official had a bad day at work when papers with people's private details were blown away by the wind.

The official was moving a box full of papers between buildings in Aichi, central Japan, when the box fell over, spilling the papers. Then, a sudden gust of wind scattered them everywhere.

Despite trying hard, the official couldn't recover them all. "More than 10 other officials joined the search" for the lost papers, said Akira Kato, another official.

The papers had information about 121 homes. Aichi has now decided to put all its data on computers to stop this from happening again. They have apologized to all affected homes and said no one has misused the lost data.

Quiz

1. What happened to the papers the official was carrying?
2. What information did the papers contain?
3. What has Aichi decided to do to prevent this from happening again?

Conversation

- A: Did you hear about the guy who lost that private data?
B: No. You mean, his computer was hacked?
A: No, it was a box of paper documents.
B: Oh, so it wasn't his own data?
A: Right, it was the info of over 100 people in Aichi.
B: Wow. How did he lose it?
A: He dropped the box and the papers blew away in the wind!
B: Oh dear! Haha, he should've used a fax machine!

Discussion

1. What do you think about the decision to put all data on computers?
2. How do you keep your personal information safe?
3. Can you think of a time when the weather caused a problem for you?