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外国人 登録法 第十三条 第二項 外国人は、入国審査官、入国
警備官（入管法に定める入国警備官をいう）、警察官、海上保安官
その他法務省令で定める国又は地方公共団体の職員がその職務の
執行に当たり登録証明書の掲示を求めた場合には、これを掲示しなけ
ればならない。

What you choose to show as I.D. is your decision. But some places demand you display your passport or Gaijin Card just to receive service. That is against the law.

1) IF SOMEBODY ASKS FOR YOUR "Gaijin Card": a hotelier, a JR staff member, etc., tell them that only the police can demand it, under

"The Foreign Registry Law, Section 13, Clause 2. Foreigners, when asked to show their Gaijin Cards by immigration investigation officials (as outlined in separate laws), police, coast guard, or any other national or local public official or group empowered by the Ministry of Justice as part of the execution of their duties, must show."

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から合理的に判断して何らかの犯罪を犯し、若しくは犯そうとして
いると疑うに足りる相当な理由のある者又は既に行われた犯罪につ
いて、若しくは犯罪が行われようとしていることについて知っている
と認められる者を停止させて質問することができる。

Meaning that there must be a *specific crime* or *suspicion of a crime* before questioning can occur. Just being a foreigner is insufficient probable cause, and without a good reason a policeman's arbitrary questions to a stranger are against the law.

2) If the Police ask for your I.D.: ask why. Because, under Police Execution of Duties Law Section 2: "A police officer is able to ask for a person's ID, but only if based on a reasonable judgment of a situation where the policeman sees some strange conduct and some crime is being committed, or else he has enough reason to suspect (utagau ni tariru soutou na riyuu) that a person will commit or has committed a crime, or else it has been acknowledged that a particular person knows a crime will be committed. In these cases a police officer may stop a person for questioning."

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掲示を求めるときは、その身分を示す証票を
携帯し、請求があるときは、これを掲示しなければ
ならない。 If you really want to get serious about this, audio/video record the

conversation, and make sure the cop sees you are doing so.. Note that legally, the cop only has to show I.D. if he stops you on the street, or anywhere other than the Kouban (Police Box). So, to avoid showing I.D., they may try to take you to the Police Box..

3) IF THE POLICE COME UP WITH A REASON FOR DEMANDING I.D.:

such as, if you are riding a bicycle, stopping you on the suspicion that you may have stolen it then, as a foreign resident you will ultimately have to show your I.D. BUT, under The Foreign Registry Law, Section 13, Clause 3. "Public officials governed by the previous clause, if asking for the Gaijin Card outside of their workplace, must carry a certificate of their identity and present it if asked."

Then, write his info down, because he will take yours down.

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とが本人に対して不利であり、又は交通の妨害になると認められる
場合においては、質問するため、その者に附近の警察署、派出所又
は駐在所に同行することを求めることができる。

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訴訟に関する法律の規定によらない限り、身柄を拘束され、又はその
意に反して警察署、派出所若しくは駐在所に連行され、若しくは答弁
を強要されることはない。

4) If the Police try to take you to the Police "Box" (kouban):

they cannot do so against your will, unless they formally arrest you, under the Shokumu Shikkou Hou Article 2 Clause Two: "It is possible to ask a particular person to accompany the [police] to a nearby police station, police branch (i.e. kouban), or any police administration area for questioning if it is determined that this place is unsuitable for questioning because it obstructs traffic or is disadvantageous to the questionee." and Clause Three: "Unless there is a regulation relating to criminal action, officials may not confine, bring back to any police administration area, or else coerce a person to reply to questions against his will."