



Keep Safe! Bicycle Traffic Rules

Fines will be imposed
for traffic violations starting
in April 2026



Many people use bicycles frequently as a convenient means of transportation. To ensure the safe use of bicycles and prevent traffic accidents, let us review the proper traffic rules once again.

Five Important Rules for Riding a Bicycle

- 1** Ride on the left side of the road.
Bicycles are considered vehicles, so they must travel on the left side of the road, although there are some exceptions. Even where bicycles are permitted on sidewalks, pedestrians always have the right of way, so take care to ride slowly on the side nearest the road.
- 2** At intersections, obey traffic signals and stop signs, and be sure to check for safety.
- 3** Use a light at night.
- 4** Do not drink and ride a bicycle.
- 5** Make it a habit to wear a helmet to reduce the risk of injury in the event of an accident.



In addition to the above, using a mobile phone or holding an umbrella while riding a bicycle is also not allowed.

**Violations
will be fined!**



Any violation of the rules can result in a penalty. From April 2026, cyclists will also be ticketed just like drivers of cars and motorcycles. For example, using a mobile phone while riding will incur a fine of 12,000 yen, and riding at night without a light will incur a fine of 5,000 yen.

To avoid accidents and penalties alike, remember to follow the traffic rules and ride safely.

出典：「広報けいしちょう」春号（第111号）より抜粋し、JITCOが作成

Learn by watching

The JITCO Online Shop offers the DVD *“Learning about Traffic Safety in Japan through Q&A: Rules for Pedestrians and Bicycles”* in five languages: Japanese, Chinese, English, Indonesian, and Vietnamese. We hope you will find it useful.



Q&Aで覚える日本の交通安全
～歩行と自転車のルール～