For all bicycle users

Road Traffic Act amendment

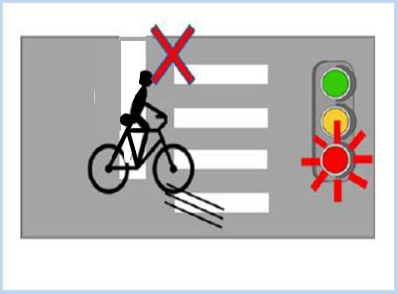
Traffic violations by bicycles will be subject to blue tickets (traffic violation tickets)

Effective from April 1, 2026

Applicable

- **Among bicycle violations, clear and standardized specific acts** (minor offenses)
- **Age 16 and over** (regardless of driver's license possession)

Main examples of applicable traffic violations and penalty amounts



【Ignoring traffic signals (red light)】
Penalty: 6,000 yen

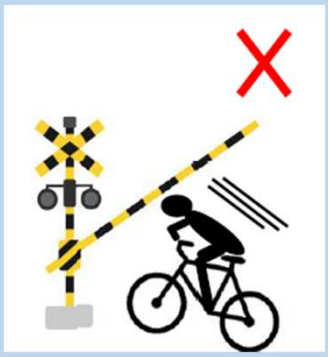
【Failure to stop at a stop sign】
Penalty: 5,000 yen

【Use of mobile phones, etc. (holding)】
Penalty: 12,000 yen

【Riding double】
Penalty: 3,000 yen

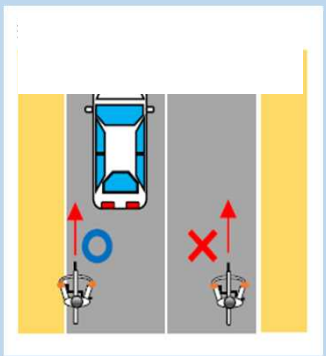
【Riding side by side】
Penalty: 3,000 yen

【Riding while holding an umbrella】
Penalty: 5,000 yen



【Entering railroad crossings while barriers are down】
Penalty: 7,000 yen

【Riding without lights】
Penalty: 5,000 yen



【Riding on the right side of the road】
Penalty: 6,000 yen

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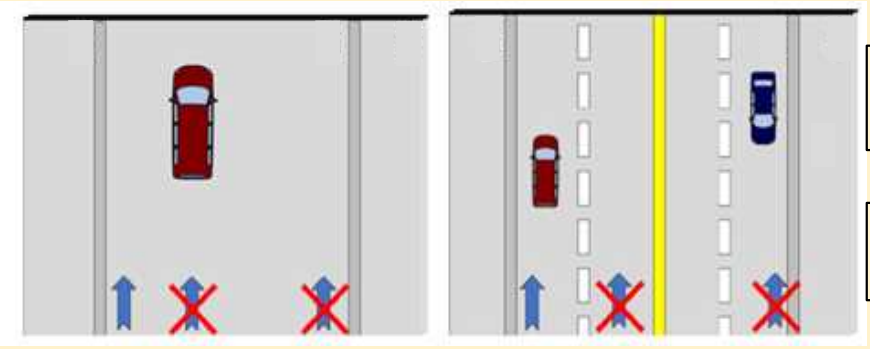
Safe use of bicycles (main traffic rules)

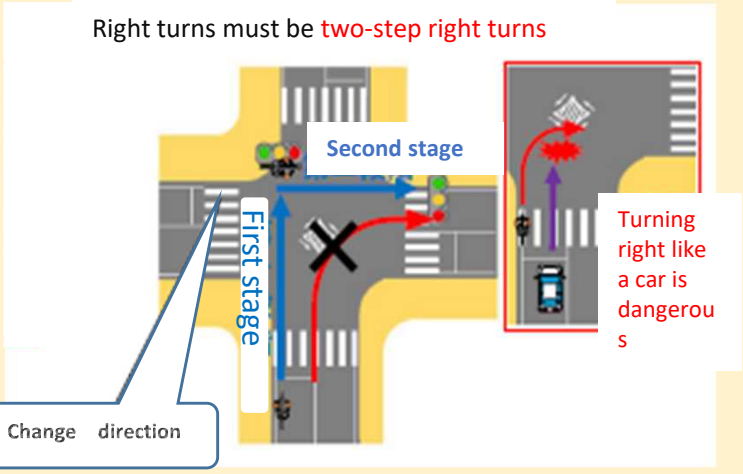
① Principle of riding on the roadway



○ Bicycles must ride along **the left edge of the road**

○ **Riding on the right side (wrong-way riding)** risks head-on collisions with cars

② How to turn right at intersections (two-step right turn)



○ **At both signalized and non-signalized intersections,** move as far left as possible in advance and make a wide **right turn (two-step right turn)**

○ You cannot turn right like a car by moving to the center of the road in advance **(direct right turn)**

③ Turn on lights at night

At night, **turn on your lights** to make your presence visible

④ Drunk driving is prohibited

【Driving under the influence】
Imprisonment up to 5 years or a fine of up to 1,000,000yen

【Driving under the influence of alcohol】
Imprisonment up to 3 years or a fine of up to 500,000 yen

☆For details, see here

National Police Agency Traffic Bureau – Bicycle Rulebook

⑤ Wear a helmet

For safety, wear a **helmet** when riding a bicycle