

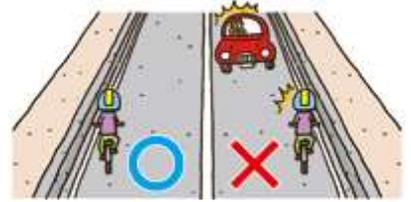
Bicycles are vehicles!

▼ Bicycles are generally supposed to ride on the **left part of the road** with cars. (Sidewalks are an exception.)

Bicycles must ride on the **left part of the road**.

70% of bicycle accidents happen at **intersections**.

At intersections, **go at a safe speed and be careful of cars and pedestrians**.



Useful Info : "Know them? Follow them? Bicycle Safety Rules and Manners" (From Government Info Online)

▼ When riding on sidewalks, **yield to pedestrians!**

Even when a bicycle can ride on the sidewalk, they **must yield to pedestrians**.

On the roadway, ride your bicycle at a slowly so that **you can stop at any given moment**.

"Bicycles Permitted on Sidewalk Zone" Signs



Riding on the Sidewalk is Allowed When:

- The sidewalk displays a **Bicycles Permitted on Sidewalk Zone** sign.
- The cyclist is over 70 years old, under 13, or a person with a disability.
- When traffic or road conditions do not allow you ride on the road (when there are a lot of cars, etc).

The Five Rules of Bicycle Safety

1 ● **Bicycles Must Ride on the Road, Riding on the Sidewalk is the Exception** According to transportation laws, bicycles are vehicles. So it is the general rule that they must ride on the roadway with cars unless in specially marked zones. ※Children under 13, elderly persons, etc. can always ride on the sidewalk.

3 ● **Yield to Pedestrians on the sidewalk, and go slowly on the road with cars**
On the sidewalk, ride so that you can stop at any moment and in places that you cannot yield to pedestrians, please stop and let them by.

5 ● **Children Must Wear Helmets**
Parents should make sure their children under 13 wear helmets.

2 ● **Ride on the left side of the roadway**
Bicycles must ride on the left side of the road. It is illegal to ride on the right side of the road.

4 ● **Follow the Safety Rules**
If you do any of these illegal things while on a bike you could incur a fine.



2 People on a Bike
Education or 20,000 yen fine



Using an Umbrella
Fine of 50,000 yen or less



Not Using Your Light
Fine of 50,000 yen or less



Riding Side by side
Fine of 20,000 or education course



Not stopping at stop signs
3 months in prison, or a fine of 50,000 yen or less. In the event of an accident, the fine is 100,000



Listening to music and using headphones
Fine of 50,000 yen or less

Using a bicycle after drinking alcohol, going too fast on the sidewalk, etc. are also illegal

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"Promoting Bicycle Safety" (2007 Central Traffic Safety Commission Task Force) found the need to increase public awareness of these rules. ※Educational classes must be taken by repeat violators. Those who do not take the educational classes will incur fines. (As of June, 2015)

Expect the Unexpected

Wear Your Helmet!

Most bicycle accidents happen during rush commuting hours. Accidents involving high school students are on the rise. Out of those accidents most people die from head injuries.

Deaths	Head Injuries	Neck Injuries	Chest Injuries	Stomach Injuries	Back Injuries	Leg Injuries	Other Injuries	Total
101	1,265	75	249	84	110	28	69	1,981
5.1%	63.9%	3.8%	12.6%	4.2%	5.6%	1.4%	3.5%	-

(“2009-2011 Loss and Injuries Percentages”-ITARDA Information)

✘Parents and Guardians please make your child under 13 wear a helmet.

Adults and children should wear a helmet to protect their head in the event of an accident.



Enroll in liability insurance for peace of mind.

There have been several court cases where cyclists hit pedestrians.

● A high school student was riding his bike at night without his light on and using his cell phone. He hit a nurse who was walking at that time. The nurse sustained serious injuries (which made it difficult for her to walk) and in this case the student (age 19) was required to pay 50,000,000 yen in damages. 【Yokohama, 2005】

● One night an elementary schooler hit a woman head on when going down a hill. The woman hit her head, went into a coma and the parents of the child were found responsible and fined 95,000,000 yen for not supervising their child properly. 【Kobe 2014】

✘Even if your child has the accident, parents will be deemed responsible.

Be prepared! Insure yourself against the unexpected!



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About using the TS Mark System

What is the TS Mark System?

It is a system to ensure safety when riding bicycles.

The TS Mark is placed on a bicycle after a Bicycle Safety Mechanic inspects the bicycle and confirms that it obeys Road Traffic Laws and is a normal bicycle. The bicycles that have this mark are covered by accident and liability insurance. (The Red TS Mark in the photo has liability protection of up to 100,000,000 yen and is valid for one year.)

- It is valid for one year from the date it is placed.
- Please remember to get timely inspections and maintenance.

