

Hello international community,

Imabari police station has been working for local foreign residents to prevent involvement in crimes and injuries in traffic accidents.

We may talk to you on various occasions in order to carry out our duty.

We would like you to feel free to talk to us anytime when you see a police officer or when you go to a police station or a koban.

We hope to build a good relationship with citizens including you.



Please take “Residence card” whenever leaving home

Your “Residence card” is an important document which proves your identity. Foreign residents are required to carry it at all times.

When Police, Immigration Bureau and the Maritime Safety Agency ask to see your residence card, you must show it.

Recently, there have been many cases when foreign residents have been unable to show their residence card when asked.

After receiving your residence card, we remind you to carry it with you at all times.



About Work Absconders

In Japan, there are some criminal groups acting as job brokers who try to introduce jobs to technical intern trainees.

Using social media sites such as Facebook, these groups convince trainees to quit their job and move to other companies, promising better salaries.

However, these criminal groups never provide better jobs. Don't believe their false, too-good-to-be-true promises.

Take care not to get mixed up with illegal workers and illegal residents.



About Riding Bicycles

Japanese traffic rules are different from the rules of foreign countries. You need to follow the traffic laws for your own safety.

If you cause a traffic accident and injure others, you will have to pay damages. (If you try to hide the evidence or run away, there is the possibility of being arrested.)

When pedestrians and cyclists violate traffic laws, they may be charged with negligence. (There is the possibility of being charged with liability for damages.)

If you are involved in a traffic accident, which is determined to be your fault, you might be not able to receive compensation.



About places where many traffic accidents happen

Q: What is the most common traffic accident in Japan?

A: The most frequent accidents are collisions at an intersection.
The next most common happens when turning right or left.

Q: What are causes and measures?

A: The biggest cause is not confirming safe conditions.

You have to stop and confirm safety even if you know the area very well.

Japanese traffic rules are different from the other countries. Even after you get used to life in Japan, you have to be careful when you leave home.

You might be involved in a traffic accident even if you follow the traffic law. Always take care.



The Rules concerning Riding bicycles



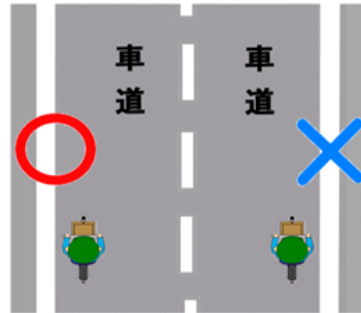
- ① In principle, bicycle riders should use roadways, and should only use sidewalks under exceptional circumstances.

Under the Road Traffic Law, bicycles are categorized as mini-vehicles. In principle, bicycle riders should use roadways where sidewalks and roadways are separated.

【Penalty】 Imprisonment for up to three months or a fine of up to 50,000 yen



- ② On roadways, bicycle riders should keep to the left side



Bicycle riders should keep to the left side of the road.

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- ③ On Sidewalks, bicycle riders should yield to pedestrians and go slowly.

On sidewalks, bicycle riders should go slowly so that they can stop immediately. They should stop when their riding may block a pedestrian.

【Penalty】 A fine of up to 20,000 yen or pecuniary penalty.



- ④ Bicycle riders should observe safety rules

- Bicycle riders are prohibited from separating their hands.

Except for giving a signal, riding on a bicycles with one hand is prohibited.



- Riding double on a bicycle is prohibited.

Except for riding a bicycle with a child under six years old, riding double on a bicycle is prohibited.



- Riding side by side on bicycles is prohibited.

Riding side by side on bicycles is prohibited, except for areas with road signs indicating "riding side by side is permitted."



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- Bicycles riders should have lights on during evening hours.

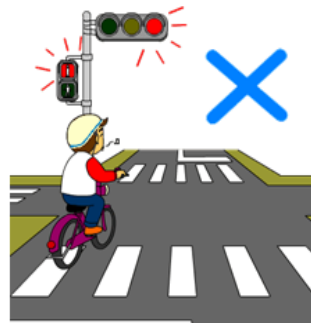
(Under the campaign, bicycle riders should have headlights on during daytime.)

Bicycles riders should have headlights and rear lights (or reflectors) on during evening hours.



- Bicycle riders should obey the traffic lights.

Bicycle riders must obey the traffic lights for pedestrians and bicycles should be complied with.



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- Bicycle riders should stop and check for safety at an intersection.

Bicycle riders should obey stop signs, and slow down before entering a wider road from a narrow road, while checking for safety



- Use bicycle crossings when it's indicated.

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Bicycle riders should not Talk on (or operate) a mobile phone and use an umbrella

No!



Bicycle riders are prohibited from operating, talking on a mobile phone, or looking at the screen while riding.

【Penalty】 A fine of not more than 50,000 yen



Bicycle riders should not use umbrella while riding.

【Penalty】 A fine of up to 20,000 yen or pecuniary penalty: In case of not following the instruction of a police officer