## **Riding Bicycles**

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

If you cause a traffic accident and injure others, you must 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.



## 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 the causes and counter measures?

A: The biggest cause is not confirming safe conditions.

You must stop and double-check traffic conditions even if you know the area very well.

Japanese traffic rules are different from those of other countries. Even after you adjust to life in Japan, you should be careful when you leave home.

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

