

To all bicycle users

Penalties for traffic violations by bicyclist were strengthened!

The Road Traffic Law was revised and the penalties for traffic violation for bicyclists were strengthened from November 1, 2024.

Riding a bicycle while using a smartphone

Prohibited acts

Riding a bicycle while holding a smartphone or the like in the hand and communicating with it, focusing on images displayed on the screen are now subject to penalties.

Violators shall be punished by imprisonment for no more than 6 months or a fine of no more than 100,000 yen.

If you create a danger in road traffic, you shall be punished by imprisonment for no more than a year or a fine of no more than 300,000 yen.



Riding under the influence of alcohol / aiding and abetting

Prohibited acts

The act of riding a bicycle under the influence of alcohol is now subject to penalties.

Violators shall be punished by imprisonment for no more than 3 years or a fine of no more than 500,000 yen.

Serving and offering alcohol to bicyclists, sharing a bicycle driven by a person who you know is under the influence of alcohol, providing a bicycle to a person who is likely to drive after drinking are now subject to penalties.



The person who provided the bicycle shall be punished by imprisonment for no more than 3 years or a fine of no more than 500,000 yen.

The person who served or offered alcohol or the person who shared the bicycle with the bicyclist shall be punished by imprisonment for no more than 2 years or a fine of no more than 300,000 yen.

