



## Please Obey Bicycle Traffic Rules

More than a few of you probably ride a bicycle in your daily life in Japan. For your safety, as well as to avoid causing injury to pedestrians and others, please obey all bicycle traffic rules.

<Bicycle traffic rules>

### 1. Stay on the road, as a rule; riding on the sidewalk is only allowed in exceptional instances.

Bicycles are defined as a light vehicle by the Road Traffic Law. Cyclists must therefore stay on the road as a rule, in places where the sidewalk and road are clearly separated.

### 2. Keep to the left side of the road.

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### 3. On sidewalks, pedestrians have the right of way; pass slowly on the side nearest the road.

On sidewalks, cyclists must slow down to a speed at which they can stop immediately if necessary, and must temporarily stop if continuing would obstruct the passage of pedestrians.

### 4. Obey safety rules.

(1) No riding under the influence of alcohol.



(2) No riding double on a bicycle.



(3) No riding side by side.



(4) Light up at night.



(5) Abide by traffic lights.



(6) Make a temporary stop at intersections to ensure it is safe to proceed.



Don't do this!

Using a mobile phone while riding a bicycle



Riding with an open umbrella in hand



## Beware of Typhoons and Heavy Rain Disasters!

Disasters caused by typhoons and rainstorms (heavy rains) occur frequently in Japan from summer through autumn. Check the weather forecast carefully to protect yourself and others around you from such typhoon and rainstorm disasters.

<If a typhoon is approaching>

1. Check the weather information on TV, the Internet, or other such media.
2. Refrain from going outside if the rain and wind intensify.
3. Close the storm shutters, if any.
4. Secure laundry poles and plants that are outside on the veranda or bring them indoors so they do not blow away in the wind.
5. Do not go anywhere near the sea, river, cliff or other dangerous places nearby.

The disaster information app “Safety tips” operated under the supervision of the Japan Tourism Agency provides information on weather alerts in Japan, including earthquake early warnings, tsunami warnings, emergency weather warnings, and evacuation advisories, in 14 languages. Please make good use of it. (There is no fee to use the app.)

 [https://www.mlit.go.jp/kankocho/news08\\_000325.html](https://www.mlit.go.jp/kankocho/news08_000325.html)

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**It's a good thing you realized it, Marui-san.**

When a typhoon hits, lightning and strong winds may cause a power outage. Prepare for such emergencies by keeping a stock of canned foods and other foods that have a long shelf life, and foods that do not need to be prepared using electricity. As the saying goes, “It's better to be safe than sorry.”

