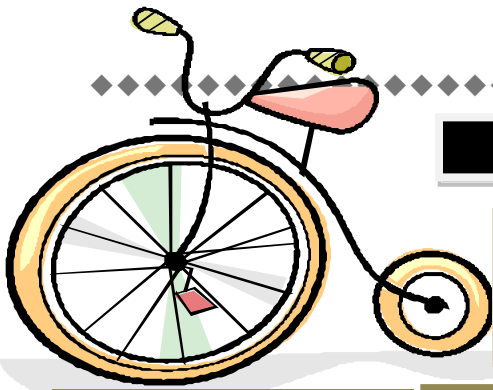


Did you know about Bicycle Traffic signs?



You have to pay a fine even if you commit a cycling offence

A bicycle is one of the most familiar transportation forms in our life. We would like to let you know committing a cycling offence makes you face a dangerous situation as much as committing a car offence.

The five principles of bicycle riding

- 1, As a general rule, a bicycle rider ride s on roadways. (Riding on a sidewalk is an EXCEPTION.)
- 2, A bicycle rider needs to keep left on roadways.
- 3, Pedestrians have priority on sidewalks, so please ride a bicycle on the side of roadways slowly.
- 4, Please follow safety rules. (For further information of the safety rules, please read the "Q & A" section below.)
- 5, A child bicycle rider needs to put a helmet on.

Follow the safe rules-These or Those examples

Q, Sometimes I see a bicycle rider who seems drunk-riding. Is it prohibited as **drunk-driving**?

A, Yes, it is such a dangerous and violating a law. Drunk-driver is subject to up to five years' imprisonment or a fine of up to JPY one million.

Q, I sometimes see riding double in a bicycle on sidewalks. Is it also prohibited?

A, Yes, it is. However, if a rider uses a specified bicycle for taking little children up to two, it is allowed.

Q, I see two or three bicycles **riding side by side** on a school road. Is it OK?

A, A light vehicle driver is prohibited for driving side by side with another vehicle. As bicycle is classified as light vehicle, it is prohibited in general. However, cycling of two bicycles side by side is allowed only on a road where there is a traffic sign as shown in the right illustration.

Q, **A rider with light off at night** almost had a minor collision with **another rider with light off**. Is it lawful?

A, No, it is against a law. Riding with light on at night is required.

Q, I saw a bicycle rider running the pedestrian crossing on a green light and crossing the roadway while red light on. Bicycle drivers must obey red lights too, right?

A, Right, for a bicycle rider to ignore a red light is against a law.

Q, I saw a pedestrian having a minor collision with **a rider talking on a cell phone**. Is talking on a cell phone or putting up an umbrella while riding a bicycle against a law?

A, Yes, it is prohibited that using a cellular phone or an umbrella while riding a bicycle.

Q, I almost had had a minor collision with a bicycle rider when I walked on a sidewalk. **Is it OK for the bicycle rider to ride on a sidewalk?**

A, A bicycle rider can ride on a sidewalk in the following cases.

- ① A bicycle traffic sign allows the riders to ride on a sidewalk

Do you know these bicycle traffic signs?



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Cycling & Pedestrians Only



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Bicycle Crossing

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●FICEC's office moved new location. The new address is written on the last page.

②A bicycle rider is an infant, a child, person aged 70-year-old and over or a physically disabled person who has a difficulty for riding bicycle on a road.

③A bicycle rider is recommended to ride on a sidewalk, because of under construction.



Pedestrians · Bicycle Crossing

Q, On a road, a bicycle rider almost had a minor collision with another bicycle rider. Does a bicycle rider have to keep left because a bicycle is a light vehicle?

A, Yes, he does. Also, a bicycle rider has to keep left and has to drive on the extreme left side of the road. (Supervised by Higashi-Iruma police station)

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My recommended ways to improve your Japanese. Chikazawa Eruza (From Brazil)

My parents are first generation immigrants. In Brazil, they had spoken Japanese, though I had spoken Portuguese. I started to go to Japanese-language school when I was six, and I learned Hiragana and Katakana for the first time there. I came to Japan in 1991, and then I started working at a factory that produces Bento. Soon after I came to Japan, I only could speak simplistic language like greetings in Japanese. However, I learned and memorized Japanese by visiting a place where there were many people speaking aggressively and listening to what they were saying. Also, even when I did not know what they were saying, I tried to consider carefully what they wanted to say. In that way, I came to be able to speak Japanese naturally while doing things mentioned above again and again.

Now, I am learning Kanji in a Japanese language class that is held at Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center (FICEC) because I began to have no trouble speaking Japanese. Thus, I think ①to get in touch with Japanese or Japanese language aggressively and ②to develop the kind of receptivity to get more information is important for improving your Japanese.

A message from the artist making a cover-page illustration of "Information Fujimino".

Hello. I have been in charge of making cover-page illustrations of Information Fujimino from the June issue. I made a frog, an iris and a coarse oilpaper umbrella illustration for the June issue. I am trying to make an illustration by which you can feel the Japanese mind. It is the reason why I put Japanese month names which are based on lunar calendar and is like "Minazuki" for June and "Hazuki" for August on the illustrations. I am working on helping learners of Japanese in a Japanese language class at FICEC every Thursday. Also, I am working on making illustrations for every month themes of children's books and the teenage section in Oi city library. I would be very happy if you could give me some comments for my works. Yukiko Hayashi

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