

Starting **April 1**, 2026!

Applies
to

**Bicyclists age
16 and older**

Bicycle traffic violations will result in a **fine**

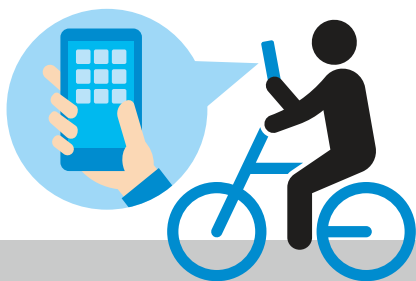
Blue Tickets for Bicycle Traffic Violations!

Are you familiar with bicycle traffic rules?
— Bicycles are treated as vehicles —



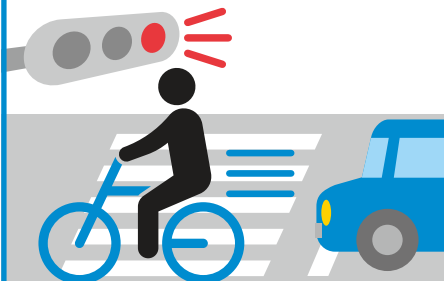
Major Violations and Fines

Using a smartphone



Fine ¥12,000

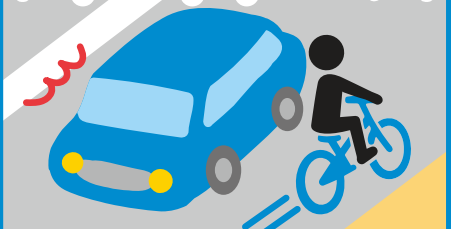
Running a red light



Fine ¥6,000

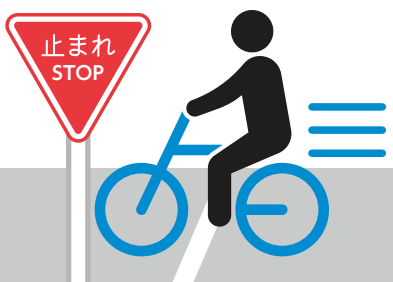
Riding on the wrong side of the road

(Riding on the right against traffic, etc.)



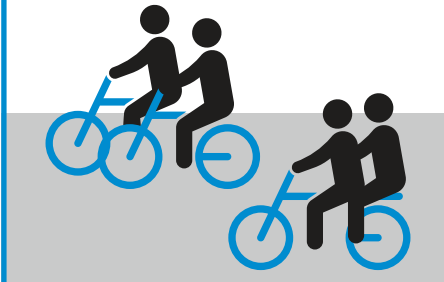
Fine ¥6,000

Failing to obey a stop sign



Fine ¥5,000

Parallel riding or riding double



Fine ¥3,000

The following are not simple blue ticket traffic violations

- Riding under the influence of alcohol
- Reckless or aggressive riding

These will continue to be subject to criminal punishment

Always follow traffic rules to help make the streets safe for everyone

New Bicycle Blue Ticket System | Bicycle Portal Site
Source: Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department website

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Bicycle Basic Rules for Bicycles

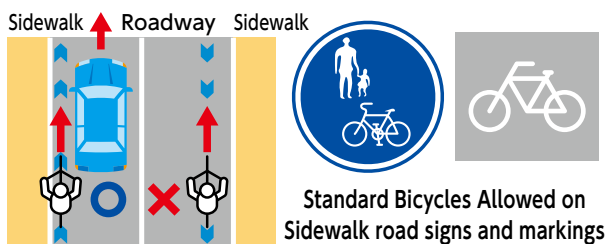
1 Ride on the left side of the road!

- Bicycles are treated as vehicles. Ride on the left side of the road.
- ✗ Riding the wrong way on the right side is very dangerous!
There is a risk of a head-on collision with a car.

On roads with blue lines or arrows (markers indicating the direction of traffic), follow these markers when riding.

★ Riding on sidewalks is only allowed in the following circumstances!

- When there is a Bicycles Allowed sign
- Children under 13
- Individuals age 70 and older
- Individuals with disabilities
- When the roadway is dangerous (during construction, etc.)



2 Determine which traffic light to follow

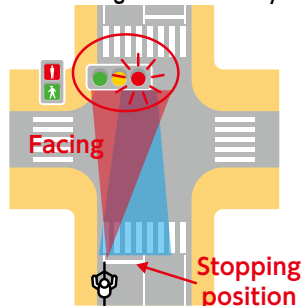
When you are riding on the roadway, follow the same traffic lights as cars. *However, follow the pedestrian signal when riding on the sidewalk. At a red light, stop before the stop line.

- ✗ Do not move to the crosswalk.



Vehicle traffic light

When riding on the roadway



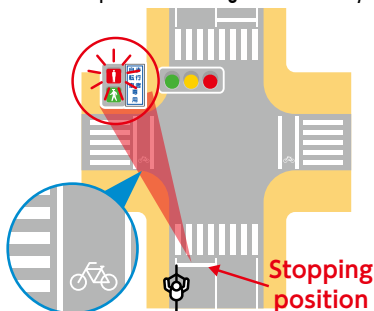
★ If you see a traffic light or road sign like this...

If you see a For Pedestrians and Bicycles Only traffic light, follow it. If you see a bicycle crossing zone, use it to cross.

Exception when riding on the roadway



For Pedestrians and Bicycles Only



3 Wear a helmet

Helmets are important in saving lives. Children and adults alike should wear helmets.



4 Always stop at Stop signs

If you see a Stop sign or a Stop road marker, make sure to stop and check left and right.

- ✗ Bicycles must also stop.

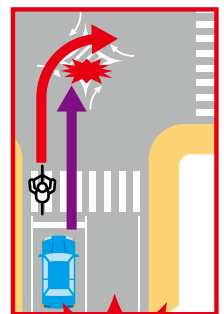
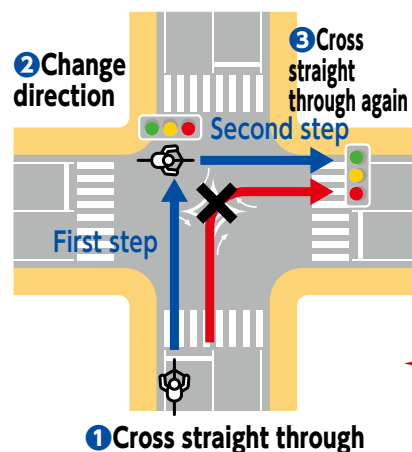


5 Making a right turn

- Use the two-step method when making a right turn
- ✗ Do not make a right turn in the same way as a car.

- 1 Cross straight through the intersection
- 2 Change direction
- 3 Follow the traffic light facing you and cross straight through again

When turning right, use a **two-step approach**



A right turn like a car is a traffic violation

6 Standard bicycle-only lanes (bicycle lanes)

- These are lanes created for bicycle use.
- ✗ Motorcycles and mopeds cannot use these lanes.
- One-way traffic on the left.
- ✗ Riding the wrong way is not allowed.



— Lane construction underway (including planned paths)
— Completed lanes

