

Penalties

for riding a bicycle while using a smartphone or riding under the influence of alcohol.



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Road Traffic Law Amendment

New penalties while riding a bicycle

using a smartphone Imprisonment up to 1 year or fine up to 300,000 yen

under the influence of alcohol Imprisonment up to 3 years or fine up to 500,000 yen

New penalties have been established for dangerous **bicycle** riding



using a smartphone while riding



The act of holding a smartphone or similar device in hand while riding a bicycle and talking, as well as the act of focusing on the screen, has been newly prohibited and is subject to penalties.

※Operations while stopped are not subject to penalties.

Violators will be subject to :

imprisonment for up to 6 months or a fine of up to 100,000 yen

In cases where traffic danger is caused :

imprisonment for up to 1 year or a fine of up to 300,000 yen



riding under the influence of alcohol



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※Operations while stopped are not subject to penalties.

Violators will be subject to :

imprisonment for up to 3 years or a fine of up to 500,000 yen

Bicycle providers :

Imprisonment for up to 3 years or a fine of up to 500,000 yen

Providers of alcohol and passengers :

Imprisonment for up to 2 years or a fine of up to 300,000 yen

“Using a smartphone while riding” and “riding under the influence of alcohol” are subject to the bicycle rider training system

Bicycle Rider Training System

Individuals who repeatedly commit certain violations (dangerous actions) that may cause traffic hazards while riding a bicycle will be subject to the training system. ※Violation of the training order: a fine of up to 50,000 yen.

Dangerous actions

Ignoring traffic signals, failing to stop at designated locations, entering a closed railroad crossing, violating safety driving duties, and violating traffic lane rules, etc.