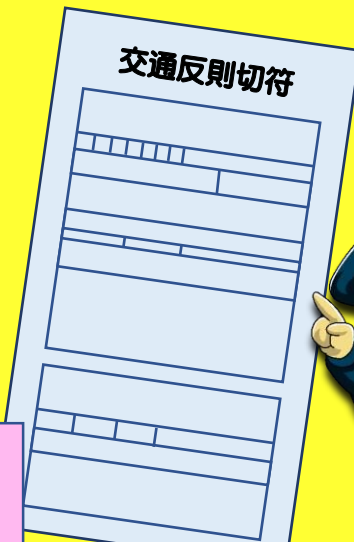


Revised Road Traffic Act will come into effect on April 1, 2026

Cyclists 16 years old and older will be subject to Traffic Violation Notification System (Blue tickets) when they have certain traffic violations!



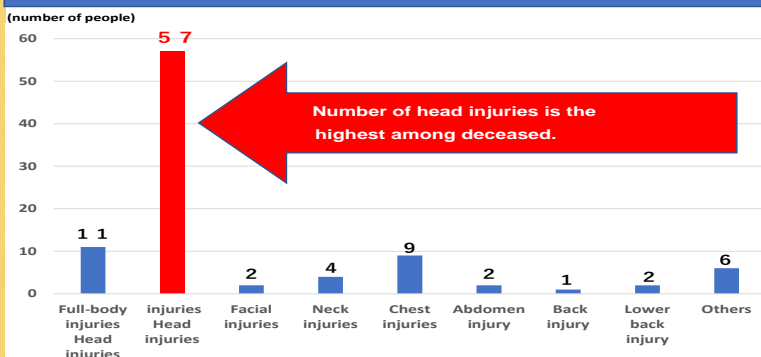
How Traffic Violation Notification System will have effects on cyclists?



Just like for car drivers and motorcyclists, police officers will notify cyclists of certain traffic violations and fines imposed to them through blue tickets.

Helmets are your life savers! Make wearing a helmet when cycling as your habit!

Types of injuries among deceased cyclists (2020-2024)



Approximately 60 percent of deceased cyclists from traffic accidents had fatal head trauma.



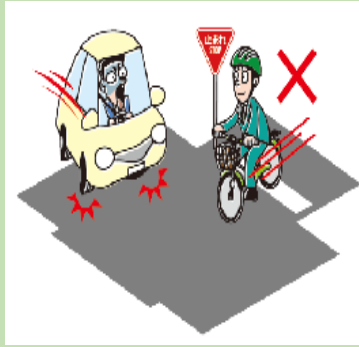
※Statistics from Chiba Prefectural Police

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○Be aware of traffic violations among cyclist.

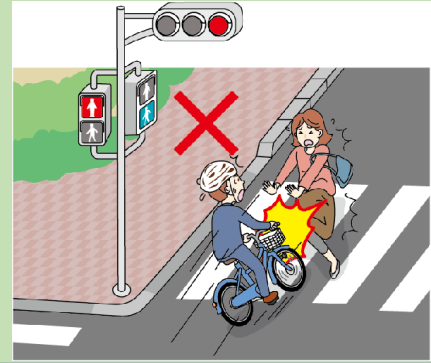
Failure to make a complete stop at designated area.

At an intersection with a stop sign, you must make a complete stop at a stop line.



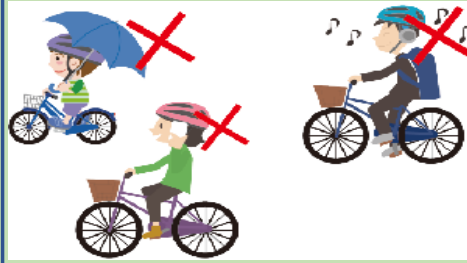
Failure to make a complete stop at designated area.

You must follow instructions such as traffic lights and police officers' hand signals.



Distracted cycling

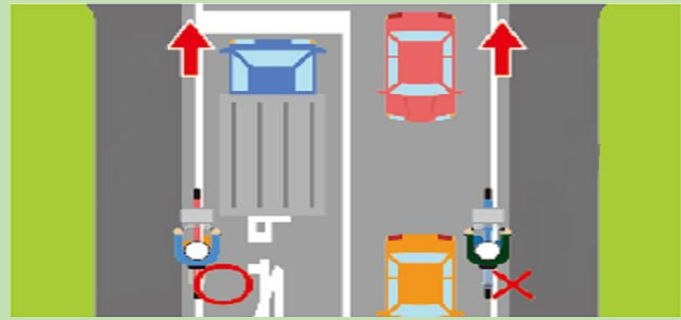
Do not ride a bike with distractions including holding a phone, holding an umbrella, and with sound from head set or other equipment loud enough to shut down sounds around you.



Do you have a good grasp of your surrounding while riding a bike with distractions?

Failure to observe lane usage

Fundamentally, bicycles have to be on roadway. You also must be on the far left of the roadway when you ride a bike.



※Both riding a bicycle while intoxicated or under influence of alcohol are regarded as more serious traffic violation and subject to red tickets which is not subject to traffic violation notification system.

【What is Cyclists reform education course?】

Cyclists committed any of 16 designated dangerous activities twice and more repeatedly within 3 years identified by police are subject to cyclists reform education course.

Repeat dangerous activities.
(2 and more within 3 years)

Prefectural Public Safety
Commission orders offenders to
attend the course.

Designated cyclists attend
the cyclists reform
education course.

Course duration: 3 hours
Course fee: 6,150 JPY

You will be imposed a fine 50,000 JPY or less if you don't follow the public safety commission's order to take the course.

Will violation points from bicycle riding be accumulated to my driver's license points?

In principle, violation points will not be accumulated to your driver's license. Instead, you will be administratively disposed to the cyclists reform education course.

Designated dangerous actions (excerpt)

- Ignoring traffic lights,
- Failure to observe lane usage,
- Entering a railroad when crossing gates are down,
- Failure to make a complete stop at designated area,
- Failure to observe safety bicycle operating obligation,
- Distractive cycling including using a mobile phone,
- Cycling while intoxicated or cycling under influence of alcohol,
- Obstructing vehicles and/or pedestrians while riding a bicycle

など

Various useful tips including traffic rules for cyclists are available on Chiba prefectural police website.