New Fines Introduced for Cycling Violations

Effective 1st April 2026

- Failure to follow cycling regulations constitute a traffic violation.
- · Traffic violations result in fines.
- Under the new penalty system, all cyclists aged 16 and older will be subject to the new fines.

Cycling Violations

- **X** The revised law will cover 113 different types of cycling violations. Not all violations are listed here.
- ※ For any questions, please contact your nearest police station.



It is illegal to use a mobile phone while operating a bicycle.

Penalty: ¥12,000 fine



It is illegal to proceed without coming to a complete stop and to check for safety in front ³ of railroad crossings.

Penalty: ¥6,000



It is illegal to disregard traffic signals; You can only pull off when the green lights are showing.

Penalty: ¥ 6,000 fine



It is illegal to ride a bike on the right side of the road.

Penalty: ¥6,000 fine



It is illegal not to come to a complete stop at a stop sign with the word "STOP" or "止まれ" written in it and to make sure the way through the intersection is clear. Penalty: ¥5,000 fine



It is illegal to ride a bicycle while listening to music or other audio through earphones and impairing your ability to pick up external sounds.

Penalty: ¥5,000 fine



It is illegal to cycle while holding an umbrella.

Penalty: ¥5,000 fine



It is illegal to ride a bike carrying a large load.

Penalty: ¥5,000



It is illegal to cycle at night without lights.

Penalty: ¥5,000 fine



It is illegal to cycle side by side.

Penalty: ¥ 3,000 fine



It is illegal to cycle with a passenger.

Penalty: ¥3,000 fine

Preschool children (aged 6 or younger) may ride along if secured in a child seat.

Cyclists must be at least 16 years old to carry the children mentioned above. No more than two children may ride on the bicycle at the same time.



Riding a bike on the sidewalk is illegal; Penalty: ¥6,000 fine however, it may be permitted under the following circumstances:

①where a sign permits cycling on the pavement. ②when the rider is under 13, over 70, or has a physical

disability.

3when traffic on the road is congested, or when the road lacks sufficient width.





When you commit a traffic violation, you'll be handed an Aokippu (blue ticket: traffic infractions notice) and

a Noufusho(penalty payment slip) by police officers.





Penalty payment slip

• Head to a bank or post office with the payment slip you received to process the payment by the deadline.

Failure to pay the fine by the due date may result in court summon for a trial.











