



Let's eliminate any trouble involving alcohol consumption! Ota Police Station

People often consume alcoholic beverages at cookout parties as the summer approaches. Therefore, the number of calls reporting crimes and accidents involving alcohol also increase.

Let's make sure to follow the regulations regarding this matter and avoid causing trouble.

1. Be considerate of others regarding cookout parties and alcohol consumption.

When cooking and consuming alcoholic beverages outdoor:

- Refrain from doing after 9PM.
- Do not be loud.
- Do not cookout or consume alcohol at places it is prohibited

2. Do not ever drink and drive!

It is prohibited by law to drink and drive.

Those who drive under the influence will be imposed to penalties.

Even if you had "Just a couple of drinks," it is prohibited to drive.

The following actions besides driving a car under the influence can also lead to penalties:

- Riding in the same vehicle of a driver who has been drinking.
- Lending your vehicle to a driver who has been drinking.



3. Do not ever let children drink alcohol!

- Children under 20 years old are prohibited to drink alcohol.
- It is prohibited to give alcohol to children.
- It is prohibited to sell alcohol to children.

Child alcohol consumption is prohibited even at home or with the supervision of an adult.



4. Do not ever fall asleep on the roads.

It is very dangerous to fall asleep intoxicated on the side of the roads, you could be a victim of crimes or traffic accidents. When your friend has too much to drink, make sure to take him/her back to their home.

**Bicycles are considered the same as vehicles.
The cyclists are not pedestrians.**

➤ **Reinforcing the regulations for those who don't ride a bicycle properly.**

➤ **Offenders' Mandatory Classes.**

Those who are over 14 years old are also subjected to the law.



It is against the traffic law to ride a bicycle in the following situations;



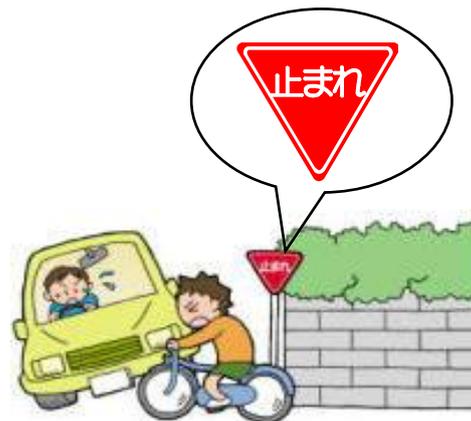
Riding a bicycle without brakes.



Riding a bicycle under the influence



Using your mobile phone while bicycling



Not stopping at the "STOP sign"

List of dangerous actions by cyclists

1. Ignoring traffic signals
2. Ignoring traffic signs (driving the wrong way up a one-way street, or in other "no riding" zones.)
3. Riding in pedestrian only areas
4. Riding in the incorrect traffic lane
5. Interfering with pedestrians on the *Rosokutai* "road shoulder zone".
6. Entry into the railroad crossing when the barrier is down
7. Interference with the flow of priority (right-of-way) vehicles at intersections
8. Interference at intersections with right turning traffic
9. Interference at large artery intersections that causes a breach of safety
10. Ignoring STOP signs (where a full stop, by placing your feet on the ground while standing still, is required)
11. Blocking or interfering with pedestrians on sidewalks
12. Operating a bicycle without brakes
13. Riding a bicycle after having consumed alcohol
14. Reckless bicycling

[Useful link in English](#) on this subject

Public Safety Commission orders to take the classes

Two or more violations in less than three years

Missing the classes will result in the fine of up to JPY50,000

Taking the classes as ordered



**By definition, bicycles are vehicles.
Follow the rules, and drive safely.**

Let's follow the traffic rules when riding a bicycle.

⇒ **The pedestrians have the rights of way on the sidewalk where cycling is permitted.**

**If you have any questions, please call Ota Police Station, Traffic Section.
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