

# Increase in accidents and violations of bicycle!

Bicycles are categorized as “Vehicles” (according to the provision of road traffic law). You may think that you do not have to follow the traffic rules strictly because it is just a bicycle. Your bicycle can be a weapon to hurt a pedestrian, depending on its usage. Let’s rethink the safe use of your bicycle! In the past, there have been an accident caused by a cyclist who collided with a pedestrian and was ordered compensation of 50 million yen for the injury. Learn the traffic rules and manners, and then use your bicycle safely.

## Main violations and penalties of bicycle (Road Traffic Law Violation use)



**Riding a bicycle with no light at night**  
Penal fine not exceeding 50,000yen



**Ignoring traffic light/not stopping at the stop sign/riding on the right side of the road**

Imprisonment with mandatory labor not exceeding 3 months or penal fine not exceeding 50,000yen



**Riding two people to a bicycle could amount to up to 20,000 yen (In the event of riding a bicycle while carrying a infant, it would be under a extra rule.)**



**Riding a bicycle side by side (Unless the sign allows riding side by side)**



**Obstruction of pedestrian traffic in a bicycle-passable sidewalks**  
Penal fine or fine of not exceeding 20,000yen



**Drunk riding (Riding a bicycle drunk)**  
Imprisonment with mandatory labor not exceeding 5 years or penal fine not exceeding 1,000,000yen

