

# From April 1, 2026, the Blue Ticket System Will Apply to Bicycle-related Traffic Violations!

## What is a 'Blue ticket'? (Traffic Offence Notification System)

A 'blue ticket' is issued to a driver by a police officer in the case of certain traffic violations. From April 1, 2026, the system will also apply to violations by bicycle riders. Riders issued a blue ticket will be required to **pay a fine** within a specified period or face **criminal prosecution**.

If you commit certain dangerous acts twice or more within three years, you will be ordered to attend a bicycle safety class. Failure to attend may result in a fine up to 50,000 yen.



Riders aged 16 and over can be issued a blue ticket for 113 bicycle-related violations.

Examples :



Using a mobile phone while riding:  
12,000 Yen



Not riding in a proper manner:  
5,000 Yen



Riding through a red light:  
6,000 Yen



Acts such as riding after drinking or obstructive / dangerous riding are not covered by the blue ticket system, and will be subject to criminal prosecution

# Introduction of Traffic Offence Notification (Blue ticket) System

Applies to persons **aged 16 and over**

Applies to **113 types of violations**



Two people on one bicycle:  
3,000 Yen



Riding on the wrong side of the  
road / riding on the sidewalk:  
6,000 Yen



Entering a closed railroad crossing:  
7,000 Yen

Not stopping at a stop sign:  
5,000 Yen

Riding side-by-side:  
3,000 Yen

※These are some examples. There are many other bicycle-related violations that are subject to fines.