

Register for Bicycle Liability Insurance

Will you end up as an offender?

Even when riding a bicycle you may be held responsible for harm caused in an accident.



Were you under the impression that you would not be held responsible because a cyclist is a vulnerable road user?

Pedestrians and cyclists are considered vulnerable road users, because in cases of accidents with cars injury and death are common for the pedestrian or cyclist.

Perhaps for that reason, **some people may hold the opinion that if they have an accident, "I'm the victim. The other person was wrong."** But will a pedestrian or cyclist really not bear any responsibility? **If your carelessness causes the injury or death of a pedestrian ...**

Accountability for harm (Accidents occur when you think "it is okay even if it happens because it's just a bike")

If you cause an accident, there may be criminal charges for breaking the law or civil liability to pay compensation for injuries.

Criminal liability

Based on the Juvenile Act, criminal liability of anyone age 14 and above will be considered.

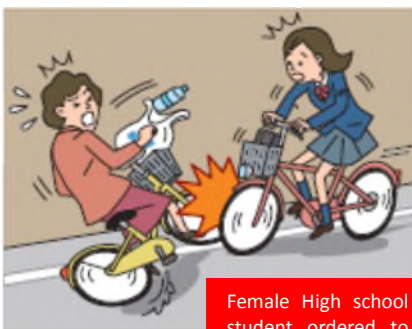
Civil liability

The offender is responsible for paying compensation to the victim.

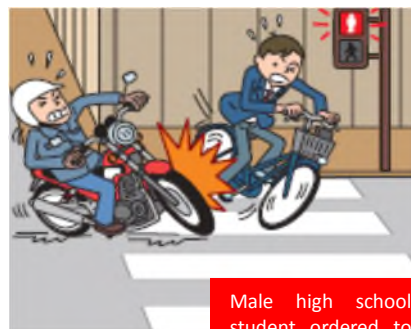
Moral responsibility

There is an obligation to visit the victim and make a sincere apology.

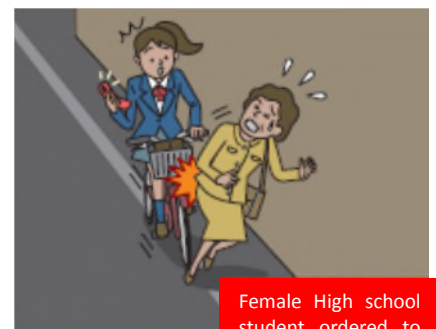
Cases of High Compensation Amounts (These kinds of amounts may be sought even for a bicycle accident)



Female High school student ordered to pay 26.5 million yen in compensation!



Male high school student ordered to pay 40.32 million yen in compensation!



Female High school student ordered to pay 50 million yen in compensation!

Accident caused by riding the wrong way

A female high school student was riding on the right-hand side of the street and collided with a housewife head on. The housewife fell and suffered a contusion and passed away a few days later.

Accident caused by ignoring a traffic light

One morning a male high school student crossed the street on a red light, and collided with a motorcycle when he entered the crosswalk. The man who rode the motorcycle passed away 13 days later.

Accident caused while using a mobile phone

A female high school student was operating her mobile phone while riding her bike at night time with no head lamp and collided with a nurse who was walking down the street. The nurse was left with a severe disability.

Follow the bicycle traffic rules !

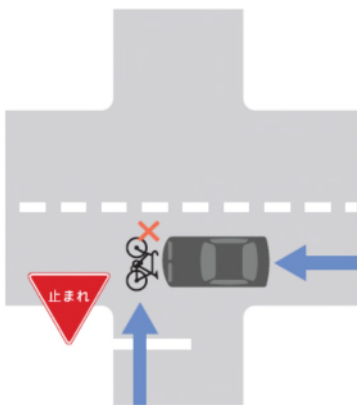
Will you end up as a victim ?



A bicycle is a convenient vehicle anyone may ride carefree. However, behind the guise of being carefree, cases of accidents caused by failure to follow traffic rules can be observed. Be careful to follow the rules and ride safe and keep in mind the thought that "I will be the one to keep myself safe."

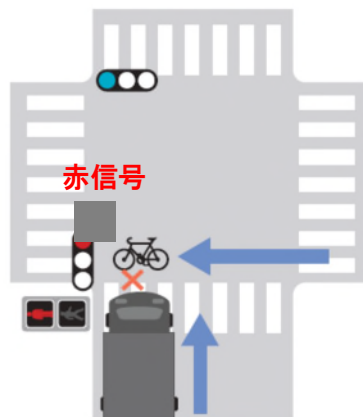
Know the common patterns of bicycle accidents! (Are any of these situations familiar to you?)

Failure to stop



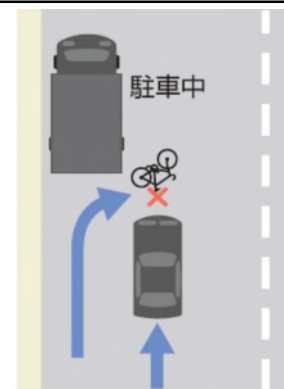
Failure to come to a stop at a stop sign and colliding with a passenger car the moment one enters the intersection.

Ignoring traffic signals



Ignoring a red light, proceeding into an intersection, and being hit by a truck coming through at that moment.

Sudden change of course without looking

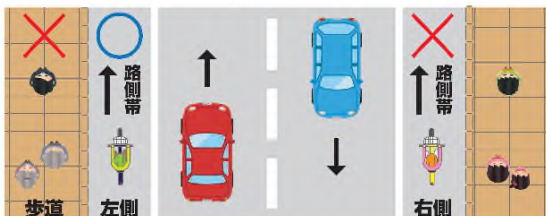


Cyclist is hit from behind by a car when neglecting to check if it is safe before turning the handlebars to the right to avoid a parked vehicle.

Follow these 5 principles for safe cycling! (In street traffic laws, a bicycle is a vehicle just like a car)

1 Riding a bike in the street is standard, the sidewalk is an exception.

2 Cyclists ride on the left-hand side.



4 Follow these safety rules.

● Drinking and riding, riding two people to a bike, and riding side-by-side are prohibited.

● Turn on a light at nighttime. Strictly observe traffic signals and stops, check for safety at intersections.



3 Pedestrians have the priority on the sidewalk, so slow down and ride on the side closest to the street.



5 Children should wear helmets.

Adults too!



There are lives that have been saved by wearing helmets.