

The traffic rule of riding bicycles and the obligation of “Class for bicycle riders” due to a revision of the Road Traffic Law (Notice)

Although bicycle is a convenient vehicle to ride easily, it can be also a dangerous vehicle, and accidents by bicycles occur frequently in Okayama City. If an accident happens, a compensation for damage may occur. In preparation for an accident, let's get the insurance that compensation is received. (About the insurance, please ask insurance companies.)

Attendance of the class for vicious and dangerous bicycles riders has now been obliged since June 1, 2015 due to a revision of the Road Traffic Law.

When driving a bicycle, please keep the traffic rules, and make absolutely sure of the safety of around to ride.

1, 5 Bicycle Safety Laws

- ① Cycle on the road, sidewalk is an exception
- ② Cycle on the left
- ③ Pedestrians have priority, stay road-side and cycle slowly
- ④ Observe the safety rules
 - Do not drink and drive, cycle with 2 people on the same bicycle, or ride side-by-side with another cyclist.
 - Use lights when cycling at night(cycling without lights is prohibited).
 - At intersections, comply with traffic lights and pause and check it is safe proceed.
 - Do not use mobile phones or umbrellas when cycling.
- ⑤ Children should wear helmets

2, A revision of the Road Traffic Law and Class for bicycle riders

Please see the attached sheet.

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A revision of the Road Traffic Law is in effect from June 1st, 2015.

There are some items regarding bicycles.

If you repeat a dangerous violation while riding a bicycle,
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you must take a class for bicycle riders.

Dangerous violations that objects to taking the class are • • •

- Disregard for traffic signals
- Failure to stop in designated places
- Riding a bicycle under the influence of alcohol
- Riding a bicycle without proper brakes
- Entering a railroad crossing inhibited by a crossing gate **etc.**



Flow of the class system

A bicycle rider repeats a dangerous violation

※ Twice or more within 3 years



To prevent traffic hazards, Prefectural Public Safety Commission orders the bicycle rider to take a class



Taking a class

※ Class hours **3 hours**

※ Class fee **6, 0 0 0 yen**



※ The violation of the order to take a class

• • • A penalty of less than 50,000 yen

※ For particulars, apply to the nearest police station or Traffic Planning Division in Police Headquarters.

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