

Bicycle Traffic Rule FAQs

Q.Will I be subject to enforcement for riding with earphones?

A. This is a **traffic infraction** if it is deemed that you cannot hear the sounds and voices around you that are needed to ride safely. However, you will not be arrested for only this infraction. You will be subject to enforcement if the infraction actually resulted in a traffic hazard, etc.



Q.Will I be subject to enforcement for using a smartphone while riding even if I am just checking a smartphone attached to my bicycle?

A. **Looking at a smartphone is prohibited by the Road Traffic Act** even if the smartphone is attached to your bicycle. You will be subject to a red ticket (criminal proceedings) if you violate this rule and cause a traffic hazard. You will not be arrested if you have not caused a traffic hazard; however, since this is dangerous behavior, you should stop in a safe location to use your smartphone.



Request From Koto City for Safe Bicycle Use



Downhill slopes are dangerous because it is easy to pick up speed. Always reduce speed in the interest of safety.

※Perform regular maintenance on brakes, etc.

Subsidy for bicycle inspection and maintenance

A maximum **¥2,000** subsidy is available for inspection and maintenance by bicycle mechanics at participating locations in the city!



Scan here for details



Wear a bicycle helmet to protect your life.

Subsidy for purchasing a bicycle helmet

A maximum **¥2,000** subsidy is available for purchasing a bicycle helmet that meets safety standards at participating locations in the city!



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A Traffic Infraction Notification (Blue Ticket) System Has Now Been Introduced for Bicycles!

What is the traffic infraction notification (blue ticket) system?

When drivers or riders are caught for certain traffic infractions, the traffic infraction violation (blue ticket) system allows them to pay a fine within a set period in place of criminal proceedings leading to a trial

Applicable to ages 16 +



Scan here for details (Koto City website)

Infractions are subject to a fine!

Using (holding) a smartphone while riding



Fine ¥12,000

Running a red light



Fine ¥6,000

Defective brakes※



Fine ¥5,000

※Having no brakes or malfunctioning brakes

Running a stop sign



Fine ¥5,000

Using earphones



Fine ¥5,000

Riding side by side



Fine ¥3,000

※ These are only some examples of the 113 types of blue-ticket infractions.

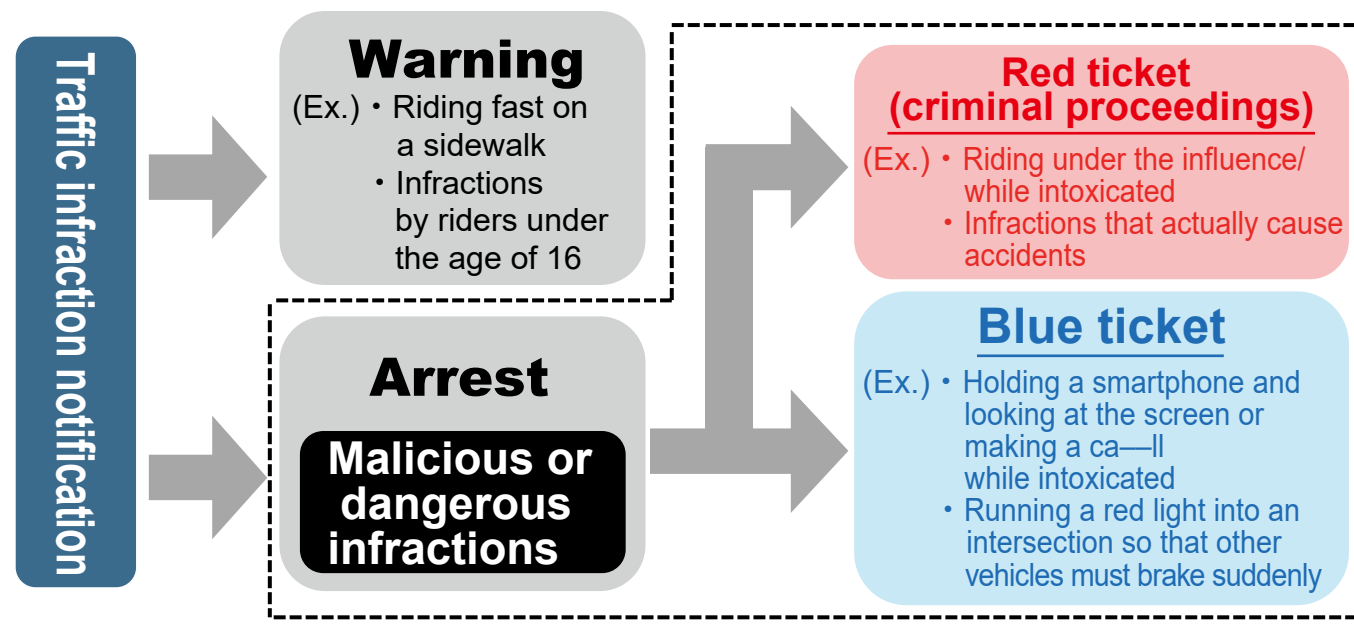
! Red Tickets (Criminal Proceedings)

Riders who do not pay a fine or who commit a serious infraction, such as riding while intoxicated, will be subject to red-ticket criminal proceedings. Criminal proceedings include a trial, and a fine or other penalty may be imposed.



Traffic infractions are dangerous and directly linked to accidents! Never commit traffic infractions!

Basic Approach to Enforcement for Bicycles



Confirm Where to Ride Your Bicycle

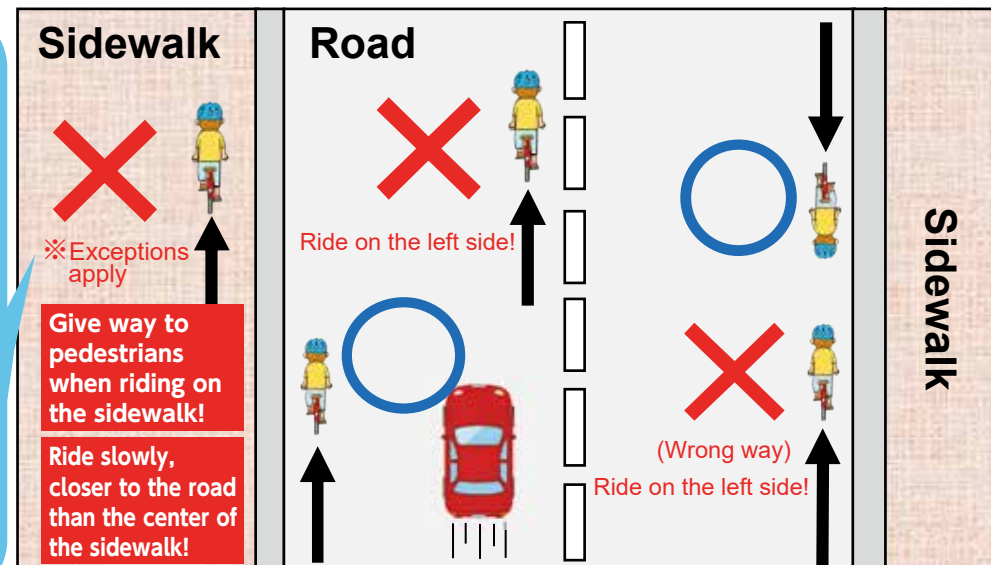
Streets with traffic lanes

Cases in which riding on the sidewalk is allowed

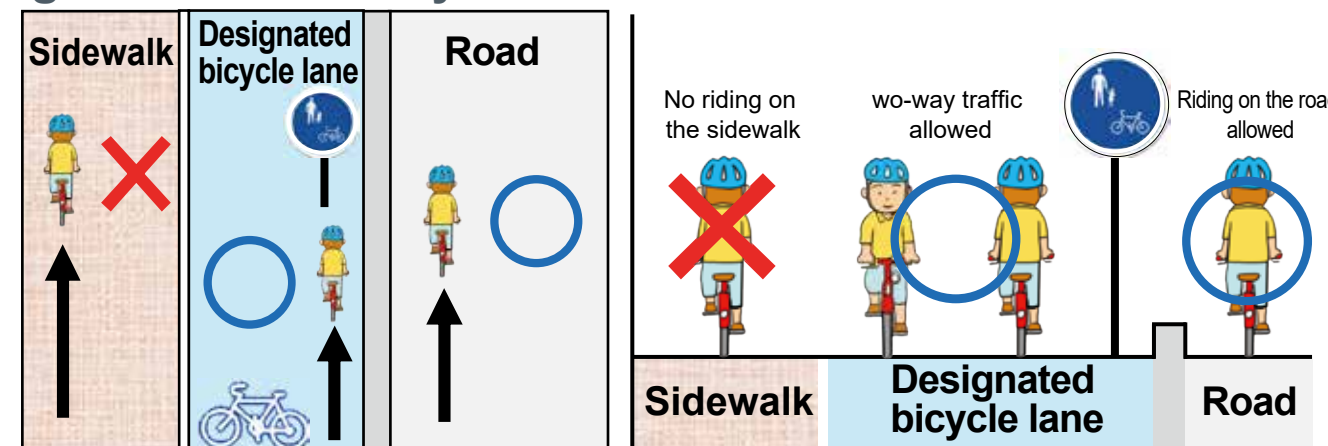
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Seniors aged 70+ Children under the age of 13

When it is unavoidable due to road construction, etc.



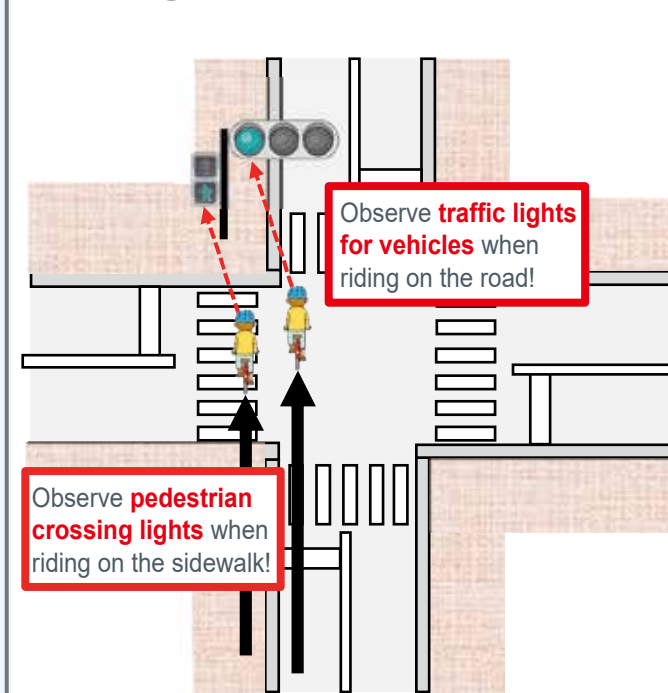
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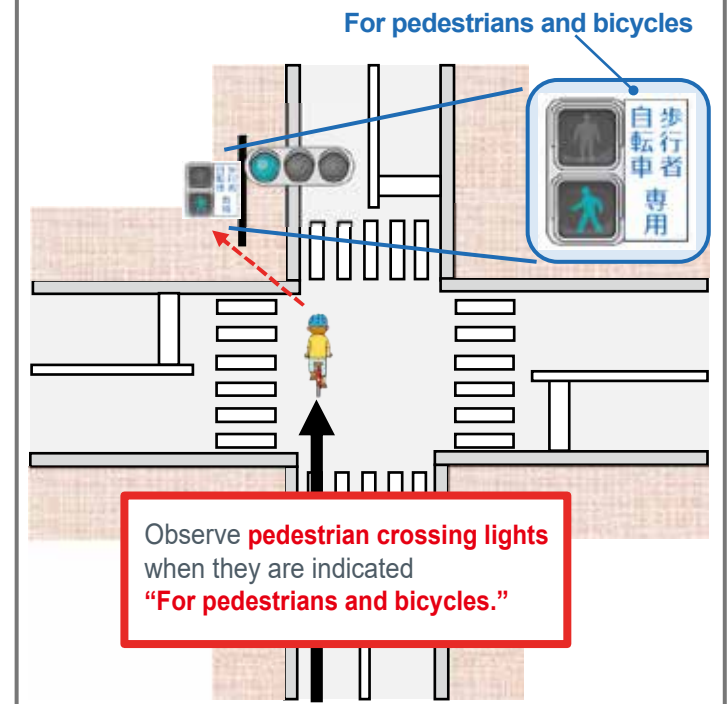
Know Riding Rules for Different Situations

Riding on the road①

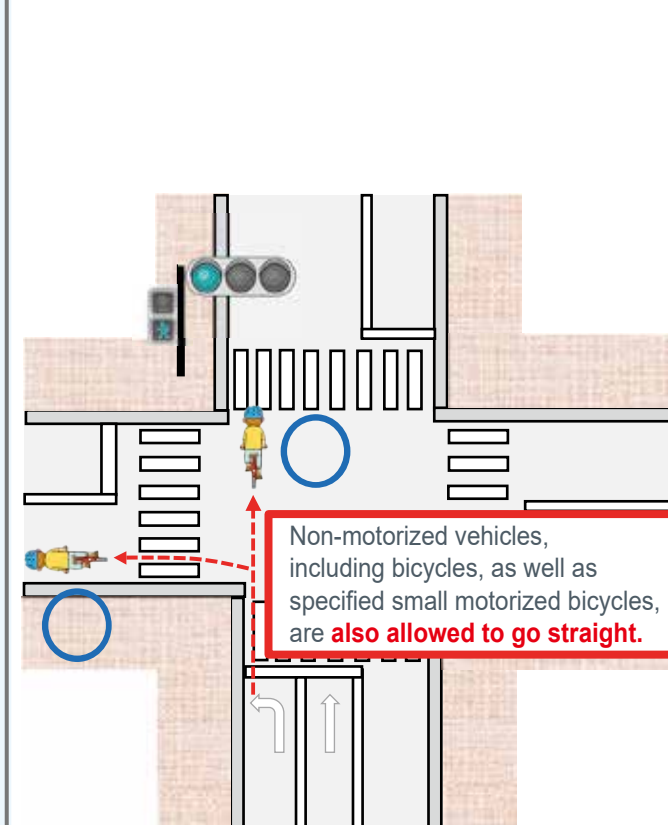
Riding on the sidewalk



Riding on the road②



If there is a left turn lane



If a sign indicates "No vehicle entry"

