

End-of-Year Prefectural Traffic Safety Initiative

Sun 15-Tue 31 December

The City's Theme for this Year

Pedestrians, Cars and Bicycles – Upholding Traffic Rules and Etiquette to Protect Ourselves and Others

Focus points of the initiative:

1. Ensuring the safety of pedestrians and cyclists
2. Preventing accidents in the evening and during the night
3. Eliminating drunk and dangerous driving



Make use of reflective and light-emitting materials

Pedestrians and Cyclists: Make use of reflective and light-emitting materials and turn on your lights early to make your presence known to other road users.

Cars: Make sure to turn on your lights early (until around February, you should aim for 16:00) and use your high beams when appropriate.

Drunk Driving is a Serious Crime

While accidents due to drunk driving are decreasing, they continue to be a problem. The holiday period comes with many opportunities to drink alcohol. Make sure that if you drink you don't drive and if you need to drive you don't drink.

*Action such as riding in a vehicle driven by someone under the influence, providing a vehicle to someone who has been drinking, or serving alcohol to someone who may drive are also subject to penalties.

New Penalties for Dangerous Cycling

Revisions to the Road Traffic Act came into effect on 1 November 2024.

Penalty for Using a Mobile Phone While Cycling

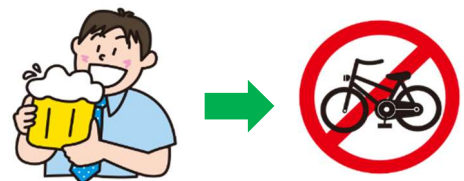
- Up to 1 year of imprisonment or a fine of up to 300,000 JPY.

Penalty for Cycling Under the Influence of Alcohol

- Up to 3 years of imprisonment or a fine of up to 500,000 JPY.

See the website for more information.

<https://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s9623/s000034.html>



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