

Chapter 11 – Transport

1 Traffic Rules and Safety

Roads are taken by many cars and people. To use them safely and smoothly, follow traffic safety rules and public transportation etiquette.

1 – 1 Walking

(1) Walking on the street

On roads with no sidewalks (pedestrian walkways), keep to the right side of the road. On roads with sidewalks, use the designated walkways.



(2) Crossing the road

When crossing the road, do so at places with a traffic signal, a pedestrian crosswalk, or a pedestrian bridge crossing.



(3) Traffic signal colors

Green: Go.

Yellow / Flashing Green: Cars must come to a stop. Do not start crossing.

Red: Stop.

Signals with Crosswalk Buttons: Press the button. Do not cross until the light is green.

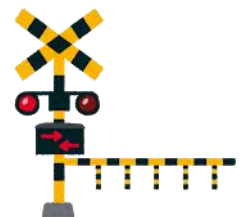
(4) Passing through railroad crossings

Stop in front of the railroad tracks and check left and right for safety before crossing.

Do not start crossing if the alarm has started sounding or if the safety bar has started coming down.

(5) Walking at night

Wear white, yellow, or other bright-colored clothing when walking around at night. Wear reflective shoes, clothing, and tags for bags to keep you visible to car drivers at night.



1 – 2 Biking

(1) Bicycle traffic rules

Under the law, bicycles are considered “vehicles.”

As such, bicycles stay on the street (on the left-most side of roads meant for cars.) On paths with both pedestrians and bicycles, bicycles should keep to the side closer to the street and go slowly.

Bicycles must have lights for nighttime.



- ✗ Do not ride a bicycle after drinking alcohol.
- ✗ Do not ride with 2 people on 1 bicycle.
- ✗ Do not ride side-by-side with another bicycle (2-abreast).
- ✗ Do not use an umbrella or mobile phone when riding a bicycle.



(1) Children must wear helmets.

Young children 5 years and younger riding in a child seat and children 12 years and younger riding their own bicycle must wear a helmet.

(2) Other rules

Park your bicycles in dedicated [bicycle parking lots].

2 Bicycle Insurance

Enroll in [bicycle insurance] in case you get into an accident on your bicycle. The insurance company will pay on your behalf in case you injure someone.

3 Traffic Accidents

(1) First, park your car or bicycle in a safe place.

(2) Next, call the ambulance and/or the police.

If someone has been injured, call 119 for the ambulance.

You must call 110 and wait until the police arrive in all cases, even if there are no injuries.

Look at the next page (p.35) for calling instructions.

(3) Go to the hospital.

Even if everything seemed fine at the time of the accident, there is a possibility that you have sustained an injury. Go to the hospital for a check-up.

(4) Obtain the [traffic accident report].

This document is necessary for many things, including receiving compensation from bicycle or automobile insurance. To request one, contact the police department that handled your accident for more information on procedures.



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