



Bicycles are "Vehicles"!



# Traffic Rules and Bike Safety

## DRIVE ON LEFT

Bicycles are treated the same as cars. That means, in principle, cyclists must ride on roads. Make sure to stay on the **left-hand side of the road**.



Cyclists may ride on sidewalks where "Shared Sidewalk" signs indicate. On every sidewalk, cyclists must yield to pedestrians. Move cautiously on the side closest to the roadway. If cycling is going to obstruct pedestrian traffic, stop or dismount your bike and push to walk.



Shared Sidewalk sign

## ADHERE TO TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND STOP SIGNS

Be sure to obey traffic lights and stop signs.

When entering a wider road or locations with poor visibility, make sure to slow down or stop first to confirm a safe passage.



Stop sign



## TURN ON LIGHTS AT NIGHT

Riding without lights is very dangerous as it makes it difficult for other people or cars to see you in the dark. Make sure to turn on the lights at night.



## WEAR A HELMET

**Wearing a helmet can save your life.**

**Helmets that protect from impact injuries are highly recommended.**



## DON'T DRINK AND RIDE

As is the case for drunk driving, cycling under the influence is illegal. If you drink alcohol, find alternative way of getting home.



## Other prohibited acts while cycling:

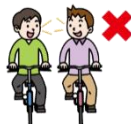
Two people sitting on a one-seater



Holding an umbrella



Riding side by side



Using a cell phone



Engaging in activities that inhibit perception of surrounding sounds (e.g., earphones)



If you are involved in a traffic accident, contact the police!

Kagoshima Prefectural Police

