

Even if only for a short time, park in a bicycle parking lot (a place to park bicycles)

Don't park the bicycle along the road or in public squares!



Even if it is only for a short time, it is in the way of people walking by and shops. Cars will also have trouble getting around.



Sign showing "bicycle-free area"

The City of Yokohama has established the area around stations where everyone can pass through as a "bicycle-free area" (where bicycles cannot be parked). Bicycles and motorcycles that are parked in prohibited areas will be moved to a storage location.

※You will have to pay to get the bicycle returned.

The City's bicycle parking lot locations can be found on the City's website (Japanese only).
<https://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kurashi/machizukuri-kankyo/kotsu/bicycle/bicycle-parking/search/>



Let's have fun safely using bicycles.

Based on the "Yokohama City Bicycle Use Promotion Plan," Yokohama promotes policies so that everyone can enjoy riding bicycles safely.



Be Considerate and SHARE THE ROAD Campaign

We are working to ensure that bicycles can safely use the roads.

Yokohama City Bicycle Use Information Site
Information about cycling events can be found on this site (Japanese only).



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Let's Have Fun Safely Riding Around Yokohama!

Bicycle Rule Basics

〈English〉



Before getting on your bicycle, get insurance!

According to the laws of Kanagawa Prefecture, you must have insurance that will cover the costs when you injure someone while riding your bicycle.

There was an accident where a bicycle rider had to pay the injured person a large sum of money totaling 95.2 million yen.

Be sure to get insurance.



How can I get insurance?

Q. What kind of insurance should I get?

There is also car insurance and home owner's insurance available that covers bicycles.

A. Get insurance that will pay for when you injure someone while riding your bicycle. There is Personal Liability Insurance, Group Insurance, Mutual Aid, TS Mark Insurance, Credit Card Incidental Insurance and so on available.

Q. How do I get insurance?

A. You can get it from an insurance company or an independent agent.

Q. Do I have to have insurance even if a child is riding the bicycle?

A. Yes, you must have insurance.

You can find the telephone numbers for insurance companies on the City's website (Japanese only).

URL: <https://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kurashi/machizukuri-kankyo/kotsu/anzen/rule-manner/zitensyahoken.html>



Things to Check Before Riding

Brakes

Check to see if they both grip firmly and if the wire is stretched or has cuts in it.

Reflectors

Are they broken or dirty?

Bell

Can you hear it?

Tires

Is there enough air in them, is there any tread left, have they been damaged by nails or other sharp objects?

Body

Are there any broken parts, are there any loose parts, is the chain tight?



Once a year, have a bicycle shop check your bicycle.

Protect Your Head with a Helmet!

Many people die from bicycle accidents due to head injuries.

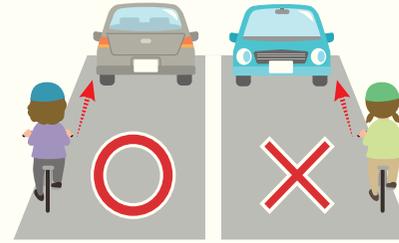
Have children 13 and under wear a helmet.



Learn and follow the Bicycle Rules

A bicycle is like a car!

Bicycles generally ride on the left side of the road.



Do not ride on the right side of the road

You might be hit head on by a car or bicycle.

The only time you can ride a bicycle on the sidewalk is during one of the following three cases.

1) It is OK to ride on the sidewalk where the sign below is displayed.



※ Sign showing bicycles are allowed on the sidewalk.

2) When the rider is 12 or younger, or 70 or older.

3) When cars are stopped, or it is dangerous due to construction.



When riding on the sidewalk, do not get in the way of pedestrians.

Ride close to the road, slowly (at a speed where you can stop immediately)

Do not ring your bell.

Stop at stop signs



Turn your light on.



Don't look at your smartphone, don't ride with an open umbrella,



Don't drink and ride.



Other rules can be found on the City's website (Japanese only).

URL: <https://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kurashi/machizukuri-kankyo/kotsu/anzen/rule-manner/page02.html>

