

# Regarding partial amendments to the Road Traffic Law (effective from 1 Nov. 2024)

New penalties have been put in place for dangerous cycling.

## Regarding use of handheld devices while cycling (distracted cycling)

The act of holding a handheld device while cycling, either to talk on the phone or look at the screen, is subject to a penalty.

### In case of law infringement (Holding handheld devices, holding phone conversations and looking at images)

Penalty: Up to six months imprisonment, or up to 100,000 yen fine.

### In case of accidents etc. caused by 'distracted cycling'

Penalty: Up to 1 year imprisonment, or up to 300,000 yen fine.

## Regarding cycling while inebriated

New penalties have been put in place for cycling while inebriated, as well as for providing alcohol, and riding with or providing a bicycle to an inebriated cyclist.

### Infringement

Penalty: Up to three years imprisonment, or up to 500,000 yen fine.

### Provision of bicycle to an inebriated cyclist

Penalty: Up to three years imprisonment, or up to 500,000 yen fine.

### Provision of alcohol/riding with an inebriated cyclist

Penalty: Up to two years imprisonment, or up to 300,000 yen fine.

**Infringement of the above laws will also result in mandatory enrolment in a cycling safety awareness course!!**