

# Bicycle Safety for You and Others

Under the Road Traffic Act of Japan, bicycles are defined as light road vehicles and are in the same category as cars. Although a license is not required, cyclists must adhere to traffic rules and those who violate them will receive the same punishment as drivers.



Cyclists are not in the same position as pedestrians. Always be aware that bicycles are dangerous vehicles capable of causing injury and death. Take actions to protect the safety of pedestrians.

especially on sidewalks where cyclists are permitted. Following traffic rules and protecting the safety of pedestrians will also contribute to the safety of cyclists.

## Traffic rules to follow on sidewalks where cyclists are permitted

Bicycles must stay as near to the left curb or edge of the road as possible. Cyclists are to proceed at a slow enough speed to stop immediately. When impeding the flow of pedestrians, come to a stop.

How to Ride a Bicycle the Right Way  
(Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department)

[https://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/multilingual/english/traffic\\_safety/traffic\\_rules/SAFE\\_BICYCLE RIDING.files/public.pdf](https://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/multilingual/english/traffic_safety/traffic_rules/SAFE_BICYCLE RIDING.files/public.pdf)



Bicycle Navigation Marks and Bicycle Navigation Lines  
(Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department)

[https://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/multilingual/english/traffic\\_safety/traffic\\_rules/Bicycle\\_Navigation\\_E.html](https://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/multilingual/english/traffic_safety/traffic_rules/Bicycle_Navigation_E.html)



## When cycling on a pedestrian sidewalk

Cycling on a pedestrian sidewalk is never the norm. Pedestrians have the right of way, and bicycles should travel slowly and keep to the side near the road.

Even on roads that have bicycle navigation marks, a bicycle can travel on a pedestrian sidewalk

when sidewalks have this road sign



when the cyclist is younger than 13 or 70 and older  
when the cyclist has a physical disability  
when traveling on sidewalks is unavoidable for safety reasons.

On the sidewalk, bicycles must travel slowly while keeping to the side near the road, and come to a stop if proceeding would interfere with pedestrian traffic.



Source: Bicycle Navigation Marks and Bicycle Navigation Lines, Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department  
([https://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/multilingual/english/traffic\\_safety/traffic\\_rules/Bicycle\\_Navigation\\_E.html](https://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/multilingual/english/traffic_safety/traffic_rules/Bicycle_Navigation_E.html))

↓ Be sure to read the rules for cycling on campus and around the university on the next page.

# Rules for Cycling on Campus and Around the University

Please read the “Rules and Regulations for Transportation and Biking” on the university’s website.

[https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/campus/campus\\_prep/bicycle\\_rule](https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/campus/campus_prep/bicycle_rule)



## Pay special attention to the following:

### Toyonaka Campus

- **Riding bicycles on the Handai Slope (*Handai-zaka*) is prohibited**

Do not ride bicycles on the slope between the Ishibashi Entrance and the Museum of Osaka University in the direction of Hankyu Ishibashi handai-mae station.

- **Do not cross the Ishibashi-Handai-Shita Intersection diagonally**

It is prohibited to diagonally turn right on a green light like cars at the intersection between the Museum of Osaka University and Hankyu Ishibashi handai-mae station. Ride straight ahead into the other side of the intersection, and then turn at a reduced speed (i.e., hook turn or two-stage turn).

### Suita Campus

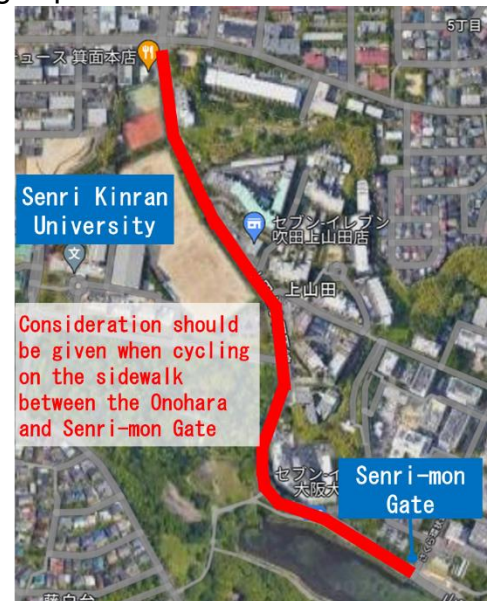
- **Give pedestrians the right of way (see first page)**

Many cases have been observed in which cyclists ride at high speeds on sidewalks where cycling is permitted, causing pedestrians to feel fearful. Serious accidents between students on bicycles and pedestrians have also occurred.

**Do not pose any danger to pedestrians for personal reasons such as riding at high speeds due to running late for class or work.** Give pedestrians the right of way and always follow traffic rules.

#### Particularly Dangerous Case:

**Speeding downhill on the sidewalk adjacent to the west side of the Suita Campus has been observed (the section marked with the red line in the picture on the right).**



### Minoh Campus

- **Do not park on campus**

- There is no bicycle parking on the Minoh Campus. Please come to campus on foot or by public transportation.
- If riding a bicycle, use the bicycle parking lot operated by Minoh City or other paid bicycle parking.
- It is prohibited to park bicycles on surrounding roads or at nearby businesses. Follow traffic rules and protect the safety of community members around the campus.

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