



**Wear a bicycle helmet  
when riding a bicycle!**



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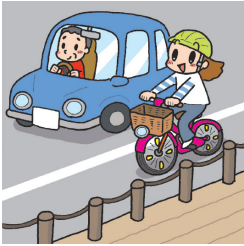
Following the revised Road Traffic Act (enforced from April 1, 2023), bicycle riders of **all ages must endeavor** to wear a bicycle helmet.

**Helmets protect your life**



# Let's follow bicycle traffic rules

As a rule, bicycles must travel on the road. Use sidewalks only in exceptional cases.



If the road has a designated sidewalk, bicycles must travel on the left side of the road, as a rule.



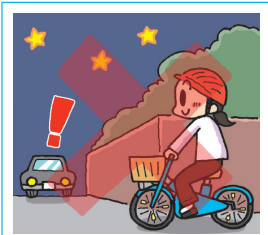
On a sidewalk, give pedestrians the right of way. Travel close to the right edge at a speed at which you can stop immediately.

## Cases when you can travel on the sidewalk

- When there is a "Cyclists Permitted" or similar signpost on the sidewalk
- When the rider is a child under 13 years of age, a senior citizen over 70 years of age, or is physically disabled
- When the roadway cannot be traveled safely, due to ongoing road work, a parked car or heavy traffic, etc.



## Prohibited Actions!



Riding without a light at night



Riding while drunk



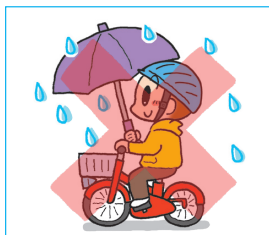
Riding double



Riding side by side



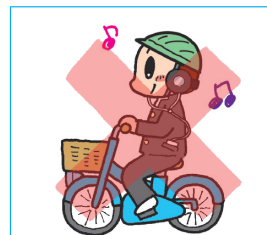
Ignoring the railroad crossing



Riding while holding an umbrella



Riding while using a mobile phone



Riding while listening to music through earphones



Jumping out into the street

## Observe the traffic lights at intersections

Is there an indicator for "pedestrians/cyclists" on the pedestrian light?

	Yes		No	
	Traffic lights	Pedestrian lights	Traffic lights	Pedestrian lights
Bicycles traveling on roads				
Bicycles traveling on sidewalks		★	★	★

★ Lights to follow

## Enroll in bicycle liability insurance

People riding bicycles in Osaka Prefecture must enroll in bicycle liability insurance, etc.

### [Example of high compensations]

An elementary school child collided head-on with a female pedestrian while riding a bicycle home.

The woman suffered a skull fracture and other injuries, and has been unconscious ever since the accident. The child's guardian was found liable for supervision and ordered to pay damages.

