



The Road Traffic Law Has Been Amended

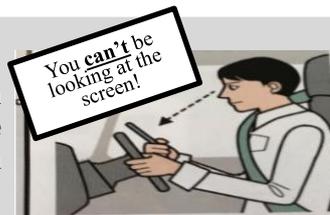
**Stricter penalties will
be enforced !**

**It's illegal to use your mobile
phone while driving**

An Explanation of the New Policy and Penalties

Driving while holding a mobile phone

The following penalties will be incurred when a driver is talking on and/or looking at a mobile phone (or similar device) while the device is in their hand.



Using a
smartphone
while driving...

Before Amendment

For Standard-sized vehicles

Fine: Up to ¥50,000

Penalty: ¥6000 (standard-sized vehicles)

Point(s): 1 point



After Amendment (New Law)

Fine: Up to 6 months imprisonment or ¥100,000 fine

Penalty: ¥18,000 (standard-sized vehicles)

Point(s) : 3 points

Driving while using a mobile phone (and an accident occurs)

The following penalties will be incurred when a driver causes an accident and they are found to be talking on a mobile phone with the device in their hand, and/or looking at the screen (regardless of whether the device is in their hand or not).



Your drivers' license
will **immediately** be
suspended!

...And then an
accident
happens

Before Amendment

For Standard-sized vehicles

Fine: Up to 3 months imprisonment or ¥50,000 fine

Penalty: ¥9000 (standard-sized vehicles)

Point(s) : 2 points



After Amendment (New Law)

Fine: Up to a 1 year imprisonment or ¥300,000 fine

Penalty: The rules for traffic ticket charges do NOT apply. All charges will be subject to penalties

Point(s) : 6 points (license suspension)

Driving at Night Is Dangerous!

It's
harder
to see at
night!



Most fatal car accidents involving pedestrians occur at night...



❶ Cars turning left into an intersection can be dangerous for pedestrians!

Pedestrians crossing from the right, as seen by the driver of a car, tend to not immediately see the approaching vehicle because of the lack of light from the car's head lights. Pedestrians should wait until the car has passed, especially if there is a car approaching from the left.



❷ Even after a car has passed, the intersection is still dangerous!

From the viewpoint of the driver, it is difficult to see pedestrians crossing the street right after an oncoming vehicle because of the bright lighting coming from the oncoming car's head lights. Pedestrians should not cross immediately after a car passing from the right and make sure that there isn't a car approaching from the left.

Are you planning on going out at night?

Before you leave home, make sure to check the following:



- You are wearing light or brightly-colored clothing which can easily be seen (like a white t-shirt)
- You are bringing some sort of reflective gear, such as a sash, wristband, vest, or sticker (for bags, etc.)
- You have a flashlight or some other means to light the ground
- You are aware of your surroundings and pay attention to road safety