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THE BLUE TICKET SYSTEM

Will Apply to Bicycle Violations
for Those Age 16 and Over

Using a Cell Phone
While Riding

Fine: ¥12,000



Running a Red Light

Fine: ¥6,000



Follow the **Rules**, Stay Safe!



Basic Policy

When a bicycle traffic violation is observed, officers will generally provide on-the-spot guidance or a warning. However, violations that are dangerous, malicious, or likely to cause an accident—or that pose a risk or nuisance to pedestrians or other vehicles—**may result in formal enforcement.**

Traffic Infraction Notification Procedure

If a cyclist aged 16 or older commits a violation (1) and enforcement measures are taken, the rider will receive a **Blue Ticket**, which is a written notice describing the violation, along with a request to pay a fixed fine. Once the fine is paid, the case will not proceed to criminal procedures, and no offense will be recorded.

(1) Traffic offenses clearly witnessed by police officers, such as running a red light or failing to stop where required.

► Example of violations and fines:

Violation	Fine
Using Cell phones, etc. (Holding them in your hand)	12,000 yen
Violating traffic distribution (going the wrong way, etc.)	6,000 yen
Cycling without a light	5,000 yen

What is
“Bicycle Rider Training”?

If a person repeatedly commits certain bicycle violations that could create traffic dangers (“dangerous conduct”), the local Public Safety Commission may require them to attend bicycle safety training. This training is intended to prevent future accidents and reduce risks on the road.

If the individual fails to comply with the order to take the training, they may be fined up to **50,000 yen.**

Examples of “dangerous conduct” include Running a red light, not stopping where required, using a cell phone while riding, or other actions that disrupt traffic flow.

Source: Japanese National Police Agency (<https://www.npa.go.jp/english/bureau/traffic/index.html#english>)

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