

Safe Passing on the Right Side of Bicycles!

When driving on the right side of a bicycle...

🔄 Leave as much space as possible!



🔻 If space is tight, slow down!



— Cyclists —

Ride as close to the **left** as possible!



— Remember the Rules! —

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Follow the traffic laws and drive safely!



How Motor Vehicles Should Pass on the Right Side of Bicycles (Legal Requirements)

When a motor vehicle (*1) passes on the right side of a bicycle, etc. (*2) without overtaking, and there is not a “sufficient distance” between them:

- The motor vehicle must proceed **at a speed that is safe according to the available distance** from the bicycle, etc. (Road Traffic Act, Article 18, Paragraph 3)
- The bicycle, etc. must travel **as close as practicable to the left edge of the roadway.** (Road Traffic Act, Article 18, Paragraph 4)

(*1) Automobiles, standard motorized bicycles, and trolley buses

(*2) Light vehicles (including bicycles) and specified small motorized bicycles

(*3) The cited legal provisions refer to the amended law

-Guideline for the Above Passing Method-

When a motor vehicle passes on the right side of a bicycle, etc., it should leave as much space as possible.

- **Leaving at least about one meter of distance is considered safe.**
- If it is not possible to secure approximately one meter of distance, the motor vehicle should travel at **around 20 to 30 km/h.**

*The above is only a guideline. The “sufficient distance” and “safe speed according to the available distance” depend on the specific driving conditions of the motor vehicle and bicycle, as well as road and traffic conditions.

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