

## 11 Do you know the five rules for bicycle safety?

Bicycles are one of the light vehicles under the road traffic act.

Therefore, we must observe the road traffic act when riding a bicycle.

**The five rules for bicycle safety  
(By Metropolitan Police Department transportation authority  
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- 1 As a general rule, ride a bicycle on the street.  
Riding on the sidewalk is an exception.
- 2 Ride on the left side of the street.
- 3 On the sidewalk, pedestrians have priority.  
Ride along the street side of the sidewalk.
- 4 Observe the traffic rules.
  - Do not ride after drinking alcohol.  
Only one rider per bicycle.  
Do not ride in parallel.
  - Use a light at night.
  - Observe traffic signals, stop at traffic signals, and confirm safety at an intersection.
- 5 Children must wear a helmet.

In addition, riding a bicycle without breaks (Piste) and one-handed driving (such as using a mobile phone and an umbrella) are prohibited.

Also, driving with using earphones and a headset are prohibited in many prefectures.

In the case of bad accidents, the fine will be issued since there is not a citation system (no criminal record) such as vehicle.

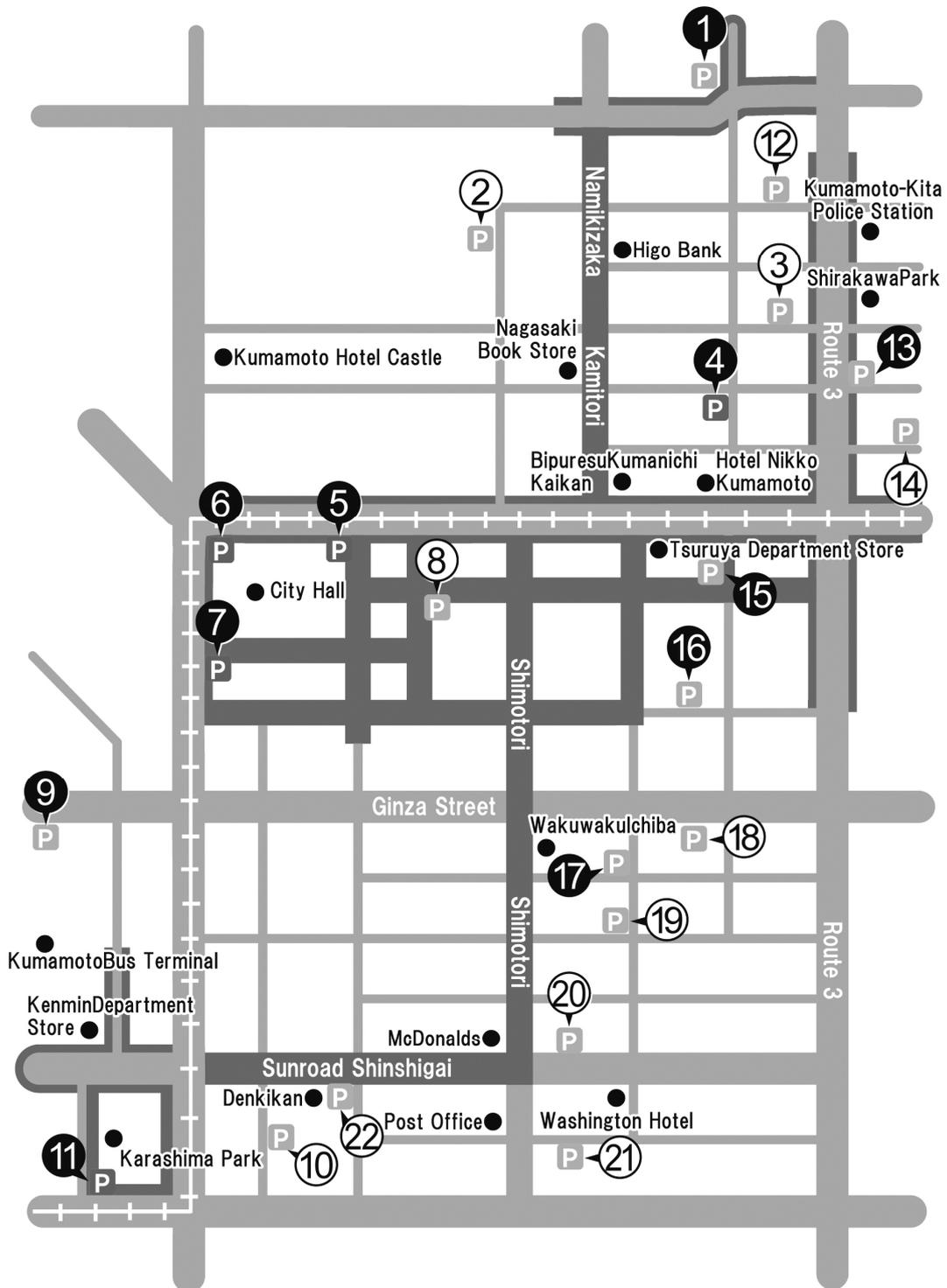
As a general rule, people riding a bicycle have a responsibility in the case of accidents on the sidewalk.

**An example of accidents by a bicycle**

- High school student on the way to school by bicycle hit a pedestrian by mistake, and inflicted spinal cord damage on him/her.  
Compensation : 60 million and 80 thousand yen.
- When a high school girl was riding bicycle without turning on lights while operating a mobile phone, she hit a female nurse. The nurse remains disabled.  
Compensation : 50 million yen.
- A high school student on the way back to home by bicycle was preoccupied with a train, and hit a pedestrian. The pedestrian died.  
Compensation : 39 million and 12 thousand yen.

Kumamoto City placed no-parking zone for bicycle.

When you go to the center of Kumamoto, park your bicycle at a private or municipal bicycle-parking area.



- No-parking Zone for Bicycle
 
 ● Existing Bicycle-parking Area  
 ○ New Private Bicycle-parking Area  
 (Scheduled to open on May 21)

- ① Fujisakigumae station parking, Kumamoto Dentetsu Railway (Bicycle: 200 Scooter: 88)
- ② Kumamotomachinaka, Jotomachi parking (Bicycle: 281)
- ③ Kumamotomachinaka, Kusabamachi parking 2 (Bicycle: 184)
- ④ Kamitori parking (Bicycle: 650)
- ⑤ City Hall parking, Underground (Bicycle: 550)
- ⑥ City Hall parking, North side (Bicycle: 200)
- ⑦ City parking (Bicycle: 365 Scooter: 405)
- ⑧ Kumamotomachinaka, Shimotori 1-chome parking (Bicycle: 407)
- ⑨ Bus Terminal parking, Behind (Bicycle: 80)
- ⑩ Kumamotomachinaka, Shinshigai parking 2 (Bicycle: 219)
- ⑪ Karashimacho park parking, Underground (Bicycle: 470 Scooter: 316 Motorcycle: 50)
- ⑫ Kumamotomachinaka, Kusabamachi parking 1 (Bicycle: 159 Scooter: 167)
- ⑬ Passurt 24 Suidocho parking (Motorcycle: 15)
- ⑭ Kumamotomachinaka, Park 3 parking (Bicycle: 233)
- ⑮ Tsuruya Department Store parking (Bicycle: 270 Scooter: 100)
- ⑯ Ansei Machi parking (Bicycle: 90)
- ⑰ Shimotori 1-chome parking (Motorcycle: 10)
- ⑱ Kumamotomachinaka, Ginza Press parking (Bicycle: 182)
- ⑲ Kumamotomachinaka, Ginza Street parking (Bicycle: 368 Scooter: 81)
- ⑳ Kumamotomachinaka, Shimotori 2-chome parking (Bicycle: 354)
- ㉑ Kumamotomachinaka, Shower street parking (Scooter: 128)
- ㉒ Kumamotomachinaka, Shinshigai parking 1 (Bicycle: 482)

Remember the five rules for bicycle safety.  
 In addition, riding a bicycle without breaks, one-handed driving, and driving with using earphones and a headset are prohibited.