

# Traffic Safety



## Tougher regulations now in place against alcohol-impaired cycling

Operating a bicycle under the influence of alcohol, or “Shkiobi-unten”, has also become punishable by law.

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A person who operates a vehicle, **excluding light road vehicles except for bicycles**, and has alcohol in the system at or beyond the level prescribed by the enforcement order of the Road Traffic Act in violation of Article 65(1) (Prohibition on Shkiobi-unten) of the Act ...

### PENALTY

**Imprisonment with labor of not more than three years or a fine of not more than 500,000 yen**

Article 117-2-2(1)(iii) of the Road Traffic Act

**And ... Three drunk driving related offence provisions of the Road Traffic Act are now applied to **cyclists and others related to their ride** as well.**



### **Prohibition on provision of a vehicle-Article 65(2)-**

◎ Providing a vehicle, excluding light road vehicles except for bicycles, for a person who is likely to operate the vehicle after drinking

Imprisonment with labor of not more than three years or a fine of not more than 500,000 yen-Article 117-2-2(1)(iv)-



### **Prohibition on provision of alcohol-Article 65(3)-**

◎ Serving or offering alcohol to a person who is likely to operate a vehicle after drinking

Imprisonment with labor of not more than two years or a fine of not more than 300,000 yen-Article 117-3-2(ii)-



### **Prohibition on being a passenger-Article 65(4)-**

◎ Asking for or demanding a ride in/on a vehicle, excluding light road vehicles except for bicycles, operated by a person who you know is under the influence of alcohol

Imprisonment with labor of not more than two years or a fine of not more than 300,000 yen-Article 117-3-2(iii)-

*Bicycles are no exception.*

**NO**



**Don't operate after drinking !**

