

From April 1, 2026, the Blue Ticket System Will Apply to Bicycle Violations!



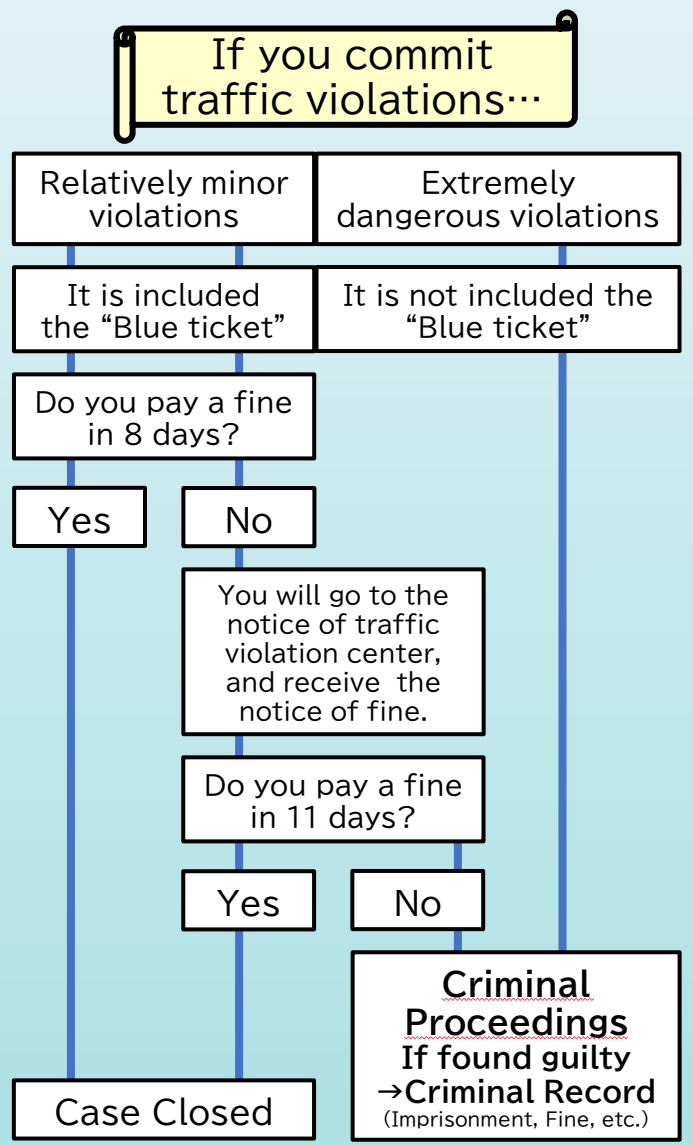
What is a “Blue ticket” (Traffic Offence Notification System)?

When a driver commits a relatively minor traffic violations, they can settle the case by paying a fixed penalty with a specified period, without undergoing criminal court procedures.

example

For riders 16+ years old 113 bicycle violations can get a Blue ticket.

- Using mobile phone while riding 12,000yen
- Running a red light 6,000yen
- Riding on wrong lanes 6,000yen
- Not a stopping at a designated place 5,000yen
- Not a riding in a proper manner 5,000yen



If you commit certain dangerous acts **twice or more within three years**, you will be ordered to attend a Bicycle safety class. Failure to attend may result in a fine up to 50,000 yen.



Acts such as drink riding or obstructive /dangerous riding are excluded from Blue Ticket System, and these cases will be handled through criminal procedures.



Bicycle traffic rules

Bicycles are easy and very convenient means of transportation. But some cyclists don't take traffic rules seriously and ride bicycles recklessly. Also there are traffic accidents caused by cyclists.

Bicycles are categorized as light vehicles. As a cyclist, make sure to follow traffic rules and ride safely in order not to harm anybody.

BICYCLE SAFETY RULES



- 1 Proceed on the left hand side of the road. Bicycles are allowed to proceed on sidewalks for limited cases only. Pedestrians have the right of way.
- 2 At intersections, make sure to follow traffic lights and stop signs.
- 3 Make sure to turn your bicycle light on at night.
- 4 Don't drink and ride.
- 5 Always wear a properly fitted helmet.

