Due to revisions in the Road Traffic Law, cyclists with repeated traffic safety violations will be required to take a safety training course.

Applicable violations include:
- Failure to obey stoplights
- Failure to obey stop signs/markings
- Riding drunk
- Faulty brakes

etc.

Outline of safety training system

Repeated safety violations  Order to undergo training  Attend training

Failure to attend training will result in a fine of JPY 50,000 or less
Cycling violations that will result in safety training include:

- Failure to obey stoplights
- Failure to obey gates at ※RC
- Failure to obey stop signs
- Traffic violations on sidewalks
- Riding bicycles with faulty brakes
- Riding drunk
- Riding in areas off-limits to bicycles
- Safety violations in pedestrian areas
  (failure to comply with reduced speed zones)
- Riding on wrong side of the road
- Obstructing pedestrians when riding on road shoulder
- Safety violations at intersections
- Failure to yield right of way
- Safety violations at rotaries
- Driving dangerously

※RC: railroad crossings

Outline of cyclist safety training system
※Failure to attend training will result in a fine of JPY 50,000 or less

1. Cyclist repeatedly commits traffic safety violations
   - 2 or more violations within 3 years
2. Regional/Prefectural Public Safety Commission orders cyclist to undergo training to prevent further violations
3. Cyclist attends training program
   - Time required: 3 hrs.
   - Fee: JPY 5,700 (average fee)

Five rules for safer cycling

1. In general, ride on the street.
   Avoid riding on sidewalks.
2. Stay on the left side of the road.
3. Yield right of way to pedestrians.
4. Obey all traffic safety rules.
   - Never ride drunk, ride double, or ride two abreast
   - Use bicycle lights at night
   - Obey traffic lights/signs at intersections and look both ways before proceeding
5. Children must wear helmets.

If you are involved in an accident while riding a bicycle, you may be liable for injuries and damage.
It is advisable to enroll in insurance that covers such accidents.