

No Smartphones While Driving or Walking!





While driving a vehicle



Never use your smartphone while driving!

Do not check maps until you pull over your car to a safe area.

Traffic accidents involving the use of smartphone are subject to tougher penalties than other traffic accidents (effective on Dec. 1).

(Amendments to the Road Traffic Act 71-5-5)

The most common accidents in Japan are intersection accidents and those occurred when a car is making a right turn.

Pay extra attention at intersections with no traffic signals.

The primary cause of both types of accident is failure to check your surroundings.

Aggressive right turns or passing through without giving way is strictly prohibited.

Watch out for pedestrians and bicycles running in front of cars.

(Reference: "TARDA Information No. 132," etc.)



Even while walking

Japanese sidewalks are often quite narrow.

Remember to be considerate of other pedestrians.

During evening and night times, in particular, traffic accidents due to carelessness are more likely to occur. Pay extra attention.

(Reference: National Police Agency statistics, etc.)



Do not use smartphones while walking!

Bicycles as well as pedestrians travel on sidewalks in Japan.

If you injure someone or break someone else's property, you may be held liable to pay a large amount of compensation!



Useful online resources for living in Japan

For the novice as well as the experienced people in Japan.

Packed with useful information including apps providing information at the time of disaster and translation!



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