

## 7. End-of-Year Prefectural Traffic Safety Initiative

Fri 15-Sun 31 December

### The City's Theme for this Year

Pedestrians, Cars and Bicycles – Upholding Traffic Rules and Etiquette to Protect Ourselves and Others

### Let's welcome in the New Year free from traffic accidents and violations!

Focus points of the initiative:

1. Ensuring the safety of pedestrians and cyclists
2. Preventing accidents in the evening and during the night
3. Eliminating drunk and dangerous driving



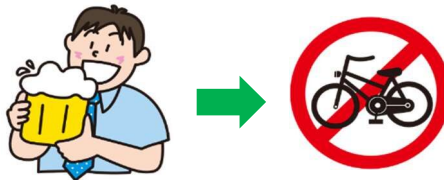
### Beware of accidents at intersections

About 45% of the accidents in the first half of 2023 have been within intersections, with many collisions upon entering an intersection. All vehicles, including bicycles, must make sure to **stop** at all stop signs (止まれ, *tomare*), and check that it is safe to proceed.

### Drunk Driving is a Serious Crime

Accidents due to drunk driving continue to be a problem. The holiday period comes with many opportunities to drink alcohol. Make sure that if you drink you don't drive and if you need to drive you don't drink.

\*The laws against drunk driving also apply to bicycles. Do not cycle after drinking alcohol.



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