



You are driving down a narrow road that runs through a residential area. The photograph here is taken from the driver's seat, and shows the vehicle approaching an intersection with no traffic light. A white car is stopped on the road to the left, and you see a man along the road on your right. The white car has stopped, so you plan to continue through the intersection.



Your Position



Weather



Time of Day

You are about to drive straight through an intersection in a residential area.

What should you be looking at right now?

ANSWER

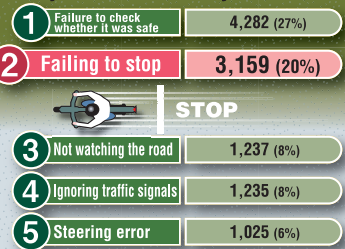
You should be watching the person behind the white car.

The cyclist ended up popping out in front of you. The cyclist is required by law to stop for the sign, but apparently he didn't notice it as he was looking at the screen of his smartphone. Since your car isn't required to stop at this intersection, and since the car on the cross road has stopped, it is only natural to think you can

simply continue through. However, it is important to make sure you don't overlook someone hiding behind the car in a situation like this. The cross road is one-way, but the sign says "Except Cyclists", so you should also keep in mind that someone could appear from the right as well.



Bicycle accidents by violation



Source: ITARDA (2015)

Failure to stop - A Common Infraction by Cyclists

Many people use their smartphones as they ride bicycles, but this sort of behavior is prohibited under the Road Traffic Act. Failure to stop infractions are common among accidents involving cyclists (see chart above), so they should always make sure to stop at stop signs and at intersections with poor visibility.

● Read Nagayama's risk prediction commentary online. (Japanese only)

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