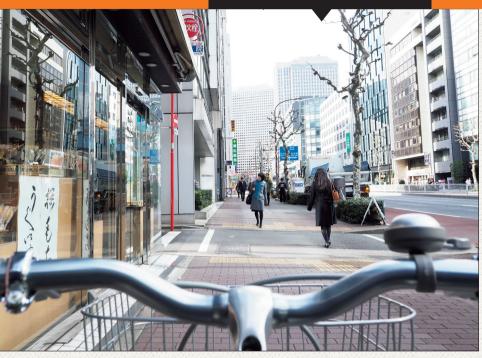
**JAF Accident Avoidance Training** 

## RISK PREDICTION

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You're riding along a sidewalk that allows bicycles. The photo is from the view-

point of the bicycle. This area has a lot of office buildings, and it's after lunch, so there are fewer pedestrians than normal.

There's a pedestrian on the right side, which is why you are riding on the left.







Your Position

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## You are riding a bicycle on the sidewalk.

What should you be looking at right now?

## **ANSWER**

You should be paying attention to the fact that the woman ahead of you is looking to her right.

A car suddenly came out from the alley, and you almost collided into it. Although this car should have checked before coming out, on roads with poor visibility drivers sometimes pull up far enough to see without checking the sidewalk first. In this case, the woman was standing still

and facing the alley, so you should have expected a car to pull out. However, there is often no way to tell what is around a corner, so you must be aware that cars may suddenly appear from alleys or parking lots. Also, when riding a bike on the sidewalk, you should ride on

the side closest to the road and give pedestrians priority.



## Things to be careful of when driving out of an alley

When visibility is poor, if you drive straight up to where you can see the road, it can cause dangerous situations like this. As shown in the illustration, split your stop into three steps. First stop, then slowly allow the car to move forward to improve your view of the road, then finally, check to your left and right before pulling out. (See illustration).

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

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