



Today, you are driving down a road that runs through a shopping district. The photograph shows the perspective of the driver. There are lines on each side of the road, and on the left side there are pedestrians and cyclists. A courier van is parked on the right side of the road, and a car is approaching from the opposite direction.



Your Position



Weather



Time

Driving through a shopping district.

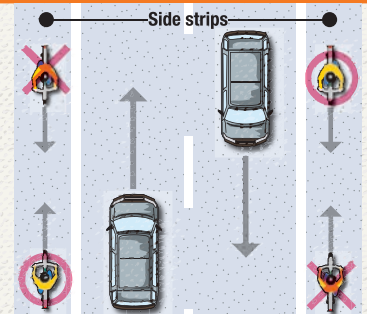
What should you be looking at right now?

ANSWER

You should be looking at what the two cyclists approaching each other are doing.

One of the bicycles has crossed the side line and come into the road, probably to pass the cyclist coming from the other way. It is always dangerous when a cyclist doesn't check behind them before coming into the road like this, but because there is another cyclist approaching, it is important for you as the driver of the car to predict

that this sort of action is coming. Also, the person riding in the opposite direction is looking down at a mobile phone as he rides. Not only is he neglecting the road in front of him, he is only using one hand to steer. He likely cannot steer as well as he would be able to with two hands, so you must also be attentive to his movements.



Bicycling Rules

The Japanese National Road Traffic Act was revised last year to reduce the number of head-on collisions and other accidents between automobiles and bicycles. As shown in the diagram, cyclists are now only allowed to ride in the side strip on the left side of the road, following the flow of vehicle traffic. Many areas also have bylaws that prohibit the use of mobile devices while operating a bicycle. Everyone should be following these rules.

