

Tips concerning Japan's Traffic Regulations and Safe Driving

1 Basic Traffic Rules

- Keep to the left.
- The legal speed is 60km/h.
 - Where there are speed limit signs / road markers, you must not exceed it.
- Proceeding, right turns, and left turns are prohibited at a red light.
- When making a right turn, yield to oncoming traffic and cars making left turns.
- Stop at Stop (止まれ) signs.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Stop at railroad crossings.
- Be careful to avoid parking violations.

Things to be careful of when driving on expressways

- Expressways are toll roads.
- Drive in the left lane (s).
- The legal speed limit is 100km/h. However, if the speed limit is posted by a sign / road marker, you must not exceed the posted limit.
- Backing up, turning around, and stopping are prohibited.

2 Driver's Responsibilities

- Carry your driver's license.
- Fasten your seatbelt.
- Don't talk on your cell phone or focus on your car navigation system while driving.
- Never drive after consuming alcohol.

3 Motor Vehicle Accidents and Tips for Avoiding Them

- Rear-end collisions and crossing collisions are the most common.
- Accidents in which pedestrians are hit and killed also occur frequently.

4 If you cause a motor vehicle accident. . .

- Stop your car immediately and evaluate the situation.
- If anyone has sustained an injury, take the necessary emergency first aid measures and call an ambulance.
- Move car (s) to a safe location in order to prevent any further accidents.
- Report what happened to the police, and proceed as directed.
- If you were driving a rental car, contact the rental agency as well.

To call an ambulance, dial 119

To report an accident to the police, dial 110