

PENALTIES FOR DISTRACTED DRIVING HAVE INCREASED!



Traffic accidents caused by distracted driving, when one either talks on or looks at their mobile device while driving, have been on the rise year after year.

In response to this increase, the Road Traffic Act was revised in December 2019, setting tougher penalties for distracted drivers.

IF YOU **TALK ON** OR **LOOK AT** YOUR MOBILE DEVICE WHILE DRIVING:

Before Revision

Penalty	Fines up to 50,000 yen
Fine	Over-size vehicle: 7,000 yen
	Standard vehicle: 6,000 yen
	Two-wheeled vehicle: 6,000 yen
	Small motor vehicle: 5,000 yen
Penalty Points	1 point

Penalty	Prison sentence of up to 6 months or fines up to 100,000 yen
Fine	25,000 yen
	18,000 yen
	15,000 yen
	12,000 yen
Penalty Points	3 points

After Revision

IF YOU **CAUSE AN TRAFFIC HAZARD** WHILE USING YOUR MOBILE DEVICE:

Before Revision

Penalty	Prison sentence of up to 3 months or fines up to 50,000 yen
Fine	Over-size vehicle: 12,000 yen
	Standard vehicle: 9,000 yen
	Two-wheeled vehicle: 7,000 yen
	Small motor vehicle: 6,000 yen
Penalty Points	2 points

Penalty	Prison sentence of up to 1 year or fines up to 300,000 yen
Fine	Immediate penalty (previous fining system has been eliminated, and all vehicles will be subject to above penalty)
Penalty Points	6 points (license suspension)

After Revision



If you need to use your smartphone or mobile device, be sure to pull over and stop your car in a safe spot first!