

4 Things To Keep In Mind When Driving in Japan

Know Before You Go!



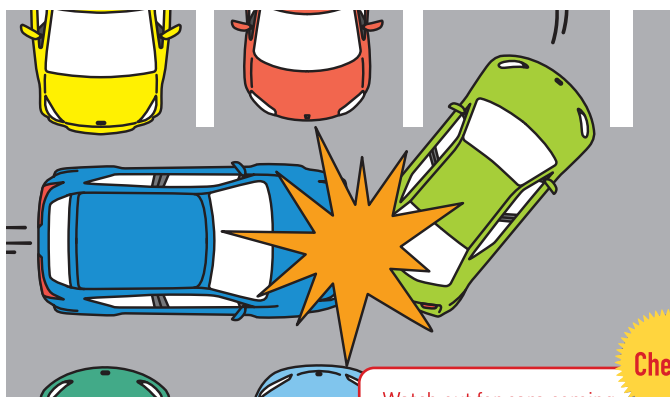
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Most accidents occur in parking areas



Most accidents involving rented vehicles occur in parking areas, and many collisions happen when reversing. Parking spaces in Japan tend to be very narrow, so please be sure to reverse slowly and pay attention to your surroundings.



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Watch out for cars coming from behind when reversing out!

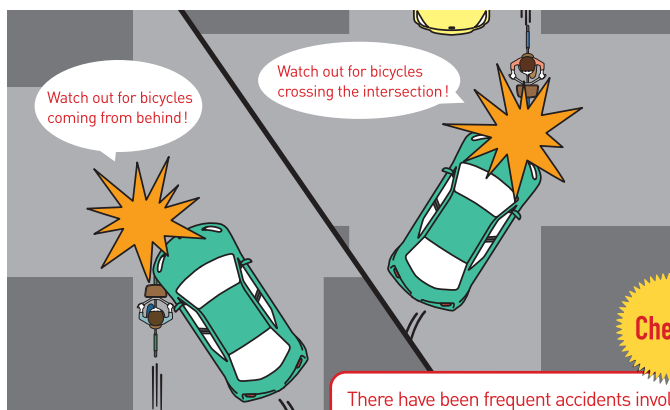
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Intersections in cities can be hazardous



The volume of traffic in cities in Tohoku (northeastern Japan) increases in the morning and evening due to rush hour periods. When turning at an intersection, make sure you do not become distracted by your car's navigation system and fail to notice oncoming vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. If you are not used to driving on the left, please take care to avoid driving on the wrong side of the road.



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There have been frequent accidents involving vehicles contacting a bicycle when taking a turn at an intersection.

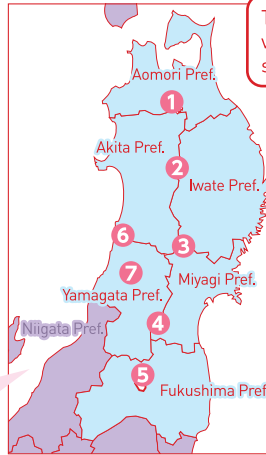
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Sharp curves on **mountain roads** are hazardous

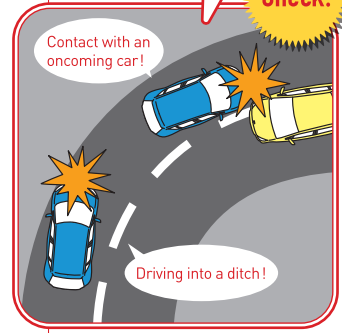
On mountain roads, many accidents occur due to crossing the center line and colliding with oncoming vehicles or driving too close to the edge of the road and colliding with tree branches or ending up in a ditch. People who are not used to driving on the left tend to drift to either the left or right, so if you are not used to driving on the left please pay attention and make sure you keep your car in the middle of the lane.

Mountain Areas in Tohoku Area

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| ① Hakko Mountains / Lake Towada Area | ⑤ Urabandai Area |
| ② Hachimantai / Appi Area | ⑥ Mt. Chokai Area |
| ③ Mt. Kurikoma / Naruko Area | ⑦ Mt. Gassan / Mt. Yudono Area |
| ④ Zao Area | |



There have been frequent accidents involving vehicles jutting out from the centerline on sharp curves!

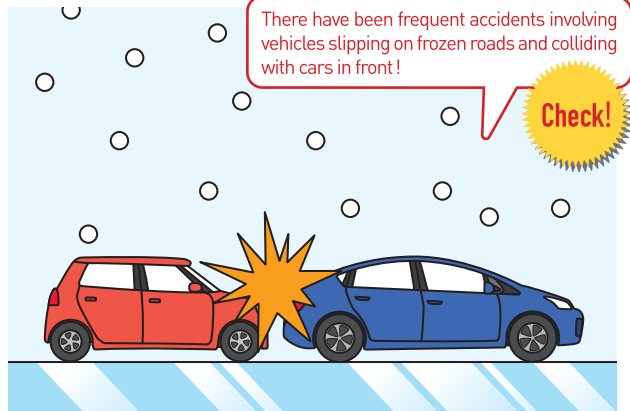


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Snow makes driving much more hazardous

Slipping causes many accidents during winter in the Tohoku region (northeastern Japan). Brakes are less effective when driving on snow and ice, so be sure to keep your speed down and leave plenty of space between you and the car in front of you. When the weather is bad, you should be sure to drive within your limits and consider changing/shortening your route or using alternative transportation.

*Information about restrictions on roads during winter is available at each branch.



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