



3 Ownership/use of motorbikes or bicycles

Owners of motorbikes and bicycles must comply with the registration system and rules for parking and other matters.

3-1 Registration of motorbikes

Owners of motorbikes with emissions of 126cc or more must register their motorbikes at the local land transport branch office (automobile inspection and registration office) and have a number plate delivered for each vehicle. Owners of motor-assisted bicycles (with emissions of less than 125cc) must declare their bicycles at the municipal administrative offices serving their residence.

3-2 Theft-prevention registration of bicycles

A theft-prevention registration system is in place for bicycles. The registration process can be made in most cases at the shop where you bought your bicycle.

3-3 Parking

(1) No-bicycle/motorbike parking zones

Certain areas, such as those in front of train stations, are designated as no-bicycle/motorbike parking zones under local ordinances. Any bicycle or motorbike being parked in these areas can be forcibly removed to certain storage sites.

(2) Reclamation of illegally parked bicycles

To reclaim your removed bicycle, you need its key and your identity document such as the foreign registration certificate or driver's license. In some cases reclamation is only possible after the payment of storage or relocation fees for reclamation. In these cases you are charged for fees incurred for removing and storing.

Signboard for no-bicycle parking zone

