

Main Changes to Dangerous Driving resulting in Death or Injury (Effective July 21, 2026)

Dangerous Driving Resulting in Death or Injury

Driving under the influence (DUI)

- ※ If causing someone's injury: Imprisonment for up to 15 years.
If causing someone's death: fixed-term imprisonment of 1 year or more.
- ※ If it also falls under the current legislation, the penalties may be imposed cumulatively.

Current rule

In a state where normal driving is difficult due to the influence of alcohol.



Revision

New added condition
(drivers can be charged in the following cases)

Having **1.0 ml** or more of alcohol per 1 ml of blood or
0.50 ml or more of alcohol per 1L of breath in one's body.



Excessive Speeding

- ※ If causing someone's injury: Imprisonment for up to 15 years.
If causing someone's death: fixed-term imprisonment of 1 year or more.

New addition to the rule

- On roads with a speed limit of 60 km/h or less:
 - Driving more than **50 km/h** over the speed limit.
- On roads with a speed limit of over 60 km/h:
 - Driving more than **60 km/h** over the speed limit.

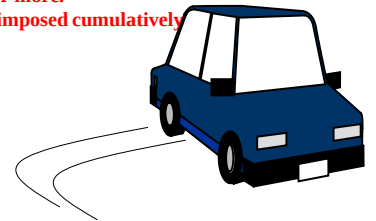


Drifting

- ※ If causing someone's injury: Imprisonment for up to 15 years.
If causing someone's death: fixed-term imprisonment of 1 year or more.
- ※ If it also falls under the current legislation, the penalties may be imposed cumulatively.

New addition to the rule

Dangerous driving now also includes:
Intentionally making the tires slide or lose traction (Drifting)
Causing the vehicle to become difficult to control.



Road Traffic Law

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)

- ※ Up to 5 years in prison, or a fine of up to ¥1,000,000
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Current rule

A condition in which alcohol may impair a person's ability to drive safely.



Revision

New added condition
(drivers can be charged in the following cases)

Having **1.0 ml** or more of alcohol per 1 ml of blood or
0.50 ml or more of alcohol per 1L of breath in one's body.

