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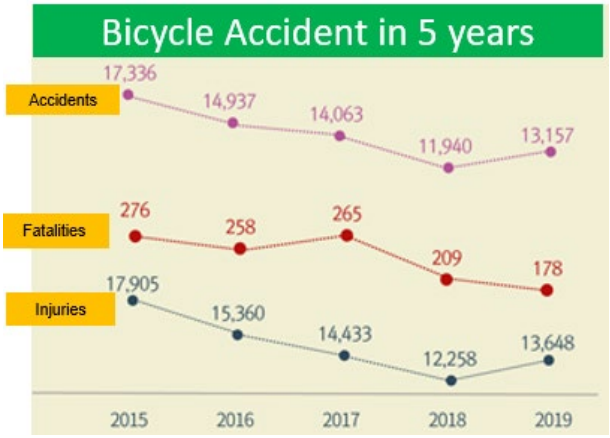
Bicycle Safety

In recent years, more people started cycling to their destination instead of driving a car. However, as the cyclist population increases, the amount of bicycle accidents increases as well. According to a recent survey, there are 10 bicycle accidents every day and about 3,500 accidents per year across Korea. People over 60 account for 67% of fatal bicycle accidents.



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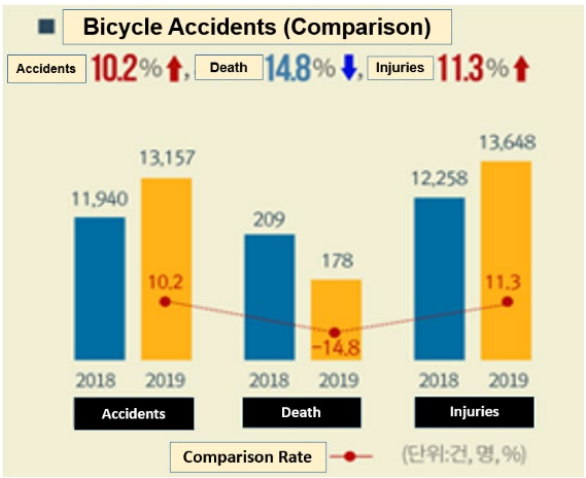
Main causes of bicycle accidents:

- Rider/Pedestrian negligence
- Lack of bicycle control
- The speed of the bicycle

According to the chart on the right, from 2015-2017, the number of bicycle accidents have decreased. However, comparing the data from 2019 and 2018, bicycle accidents have increased by 10%. 13,648 people were injured from bicycle accidents last year and 12,258 were injured the year before. The amount of injured people increased by 11%. This clearly gives more reasons why we should know how to prevent bicycle accidents.



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How to prevent "Bicycle Accidents":

- People should not ride on the sidewalk (Unless they are underage or have a disability)
- The cyclist must slow down when they are near pedestrians and other vehicles.
- Wear bright, reflective clothing to be seen.
- Stay alert! Take off your earphones when walking/riding near roadways.
- Obey the traffic rules (Bicycles are considered a vehicle)

Riding defensively and scanning the road for hazards improves your safety. Learning how to share the road safely could save your life.