

👾 Cautions about Tsunamis



Even if you didn't feel shaking, when a tsunami warning is issued, quickly run away to a safe place. A big tsunami may come.



A tsunami runs up a river channel or water channel from an estuary, runs over levees and may inundate urban areas or farm land.Swelling river water can run up so fast that it spreads deep in land before the main tsunami comes.

🤆 A tsunami is beyond your imagination







How to Use Fire Extinguisher (initial fire-fighting procedure)

Understand the proper use of a fire extinguisher and place it in an easy-to-use place for a rainy day. A fire extinguisher has an expiration date. Check it in advance.



Hook your finger in the safety pin and pull it out.



Remove the hose and point the nozzle to the base of the fire.



Firmly hold the hose and release the extinguishing agent.



Cautions about Evacuation from Fire



Run away from the fire when the smoke is white.



Run away downstairs, not upstairs.



When the smoke is around you, move away by crawling.



Cover your nose and mouth with a handkerchief, towel or plastic bag and evacuate.



Preventing fires caused by earthquakes



Major fire breakout sources include electric appliances, gas appliances, and kerosene stoves. Check operation from time to time to ensure the equipment can be safely used. Do not place things or materials that catch fire easily around such equipment and use nonflammable curtains and carpets.

Do not place water near home electric appliances.



Avoid placing water-filled containers such as a vase or water container near an electric appliance. If water covers the power point, it may ignite a fire.

How to use a power point



A power point may ignite if a slot fills with dust or dirt. Constantly clean the area around a power point. Be careful not to piggyback many appliances on a single power point. In addition, when a power point has been used for many years, it may get hot during use.

Home-use fire alarms



When you install a fire alarm on the ceiling of your bedroom or kitchen, it detects smoke or heat generated from a fire and notifies there is a fire by giving off a warning sound or voice.

Check the battery or expiration date of the alarm and regularly examine its operation so that it works at the moment it should work.



Check Evacuation Information Issued in Three Stages.

Get information

Pay attention to disaster-related information

such as heavy rainfall warnings, flood

warnings, and sediment disaster warnings.



Advance

check

Check the hazard map

of your municipality.



When heavy rain suddenly starts to fall, the condition will greatly change in a short time. Therefore, start evacuation early.



Early

evacuation

Whenever you feel danger,

start evacuation sooner.

Start evacuation right now.

If it is dangerous to go out (p.23), stay in a safe place in your home for shelter.



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Keep your



Wear sports shoes.

You may find it difficult to walk in long boots as water tends to get inside the boots. Wear sports shoes that you can fasten with shoelaces.



Minimize the number of things to carry, put them in a backpack, and carry the backpack on your back so that you can use both hands.



Don't use cars.

When a traffic jam occurs, you cannot move your car. Avoid using cars as they may disturb evacuation or movement of other evacuees or emergency vehicles.



Walk with a long stick as a cane.

Use a long stick as a cane and check the road to see if there is, for example, a gutter while walking.



to a river.

Do not attempt to check rivers, irrigation canals, or paddy fields. Avoid going close to bridges where possible, as well.



Run away from a debris flow in a direction at right angles to the flow of the debris.

Run away from a debris flow in a direction at right angles to the flow and go up a higher place.

Avoid going outside in those cases.

Danger due to water depth

10cm

You can't see where a side gutter or any other hole in the ground is and you may fall into it.

20cm

You may tumble as the water flow is very fast. 50cm or higher

You cannot easily walk and are verv likely to drown.



It is also dangerous when you go out at night time or when you cannot easily see dangerous locations on the evacuation route under heavy rainfall.

The water depth where the water is above your knees is roughly 20 cm for children, 50 cm for adult women, and 70 cm for adult men.

🔆 Premonitory Phenomena of

Sediment-related Disaster



The subsurface of a slope becomes loose due to rainwater permeation or an earthquake and suddenly fails. The time until the slope fails is very short.

Premonition



- 1 The earth rumbles.
- 2 Water springs up from the slope surface.
- 3 Spring water stops or becomes turbid.
- 4 Cracks appear on the slope surface.
- 5 Pebbles are s prinkling down.



Part or all of the slope gradually moves downward because of the influence of groundwater and by gravity (movement of earth mass is very big).

Premonition



- **1** The earth or mountain rumbles.
- 2 Well water or mountain stream water becomes turbid.
- 3 The ground cracks or caves in.
- 4 Cracking or level differences occur.
- 5 Trees slant.
- 6 Water gushes out from a cliff or slope.



Stones or sediment on a mountain slope or the bottom of a river are suddenly pushed downstream in one go because of a long spell of rain or concentrated rainfall.



- 1 The mountain rumbles.
- 2 The sound of standing trees snapping or stones hitting each other is heard.
- 3 The river water suddenly gets muddy, and woody debris starts to be seen.
- 4 A rotten soil smell occurs.
- 5 The water level decreases despite continuing rainfall.



🦞 When a Heavy Rainfall Warning is Issued

(or is Likely to be Issued)

Actions to Take Indoors





Select the items to be put in an emergency kit you carry with you as you evacuate and put the kit ready in a bag.



Move important items to a higher place to protect them from flooding

Actions to Take Outdoors



Firmly lock windows and shutters and reinforce them as required.



Move laundry poles, plant pots or other items that are likely to be blown away by wind to indoors.



Regularly clean rain gutters and side gutters and maintain good drainage.



When a rainstorm intensifies, do not ever try to reinforce windows or get close to a river, beach or canal.



What if Heavy Snow Falls?

Avoid going out.

When snow falls very heavily, it is likely that public transportation stops, expressways are closed, and that general roads cannot be used. When heavy snow is forecast, return home early and avoid going out.



While you are driving

You may lose visibility because of blown-up snow on the road. Check the weather forecast and road information and go home early.



When you are indoors

When you are indoors, check the air inlet/outlet of the heater as it may cause carbon monoxide poisoning if it is blocked by snow.



While you are walking or working outdoors

You may lose your sense of direction and fail to sense where you are because of poor visibility. Evacuate to a safe place early.



Preparations for Heavy Snowfall

Inside your home

When heavy snowfall is predicted by the weather forecast, store food so that you don't need to go out and make heating means available to warm yourself without power in case of a power outage.



Inside your car

When you have to go out for an unavoidable reason, make the things you need in case your car stops (such as water, food, and clothes or protection against cold weather) available inside your car and check the fuel in advance.





🔆 Cautions regarding Avalanches



The most dangerous type of slope is one with a gradient of about 35 to 45 degrees (slope on which experienced skiers can ski).



rolling down.

The ground is exposed in a parting in the snow cover.



Actions

against

Forest Fires

What if a forest fire occurs?

Call for help from people nearby in a loud voice and swiftly call 119. Use water you can find nearby and try to extinguish the fire. When the fire has already spread, secure your own safety by running away quickly.



This is

serious!

Causes of Forest Fire

About 70% of forest fires occur from winter to spring (from January to May). During this period, natural conditions are likely to cause fires. For example, fallen leaves are easily ignited, a strong seasonal wind blows, and vegetation is dry. Forest fires are mainly caused by the careless actions of people, such as an increasing number of people entering the mountain for spring sightseeing or gathering of edible wild plants or improperly treated incense sticks as people visit family graves on windy days.







When you use fire, check the wind direction.



Do not make a bonfire or play with fire at places where there is dead grass or branches.



When you have a barbecue, do it at a designated place and completely extinguish the fire when you leave.



Smoke at the designated places and don't discard cigarette butts.



Be sure to put out the fire of incense sticks offered at the grave.





When you feel danger, evacuate voluntarily. When you evacuate, cover your head with, for example, a cap, cover your mouth with a towel, and quickly run away from the crater. Volcanic ash causes coughing, breathing difficulty, and itchy, sore, or red eyes. Use a mask or goggles. Volcanic ash may fall thick on the ground, so drive carefully.

🤆 Protect Yourself Against Volcano Eruptions

Check Danger Zones and Shelters on a Hazard Map.



Check where danger zones and designated shelters are located with hazard maps published by your municipalities.

Never Miss an Eruption Warning.



Constantly check the Volcanic Alert Level of volcanos nearby. Whenever an evacuation advisory or order is issued following an eruption, quickly evacuate to the shelter designated by your municipality.







Actions

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Nuclear Disaster

Three Keys to Protection of Yourself from Nuclear Disaster Stay calm when you evacuate. If you evacuate based on your own judgment, traffic congestion may occur, and it will take more time to evacuate or people in areas where evacuation is definitely necessary cannot evacuate.



Point

Get reliable information.

If a nuclear disaster occurs, the administration provides information in various ways.



Get accurate information from TV, radio, or government disaster management radio communications network.

Point **2**

Evacuate indoors.

The administration will issue an instruction for indoor evacuation depending on the condition of the nuclear power plant.



Indoor evacuation is defined as the evacuation activity of staying in a building including your home for evacuation. Point 3

Wait for instructions on temporary relocation or evacuation.

The administration will issue instructions for temporary relocation or evacuation depending on the status of emission of radioactive substances.



Temporary relocation or evacuation is defined as an evacuation activity that you should do if it is possible that you are exposed to a certain dose of radiation.

Temporary relocation

Leaving your area within a certain period of time





Evacuation

Leaving your area quicker than in the case of temporary relocation

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Point

Check Municipalities that accept evacuees.



Municipalities where those residents should go for evacuation are already determined by the district in in the event that temporary relocation or evacuation is necessary because of a nuclear disaster.

(For residents in 13 municipalities) close to nuclear power plants, Point 2

Check the means of evacuation, destination of evacuation, and evacuation routes.



The standard means of evacuation for an individual citizen (family) is their own car. Collective evacuation by bus will also be conducted at a temporary gathering place designated by each municipality for those who cannot easily evacuate using their own car. Facilities of shelters and evacuation routes are also determined in advance.





Receive screening before going to a shelter.



Screening is an inspection to check if radioactive substances are adhered to the surface of your clothes or body to prevent spreading of radiation contamination.



Once you leave an area where any instruction, including evacuation, has been issued, you will receive screening at a site set up by the national government or prefecture, then receive a "passage certificate" and head for your shelter.

Emergency Call Message Service

There are various kinds of emergency call message service. You may try it on the 1st and 15th of every month.



Memo	



👾 Determine How to Contact Your Family Members

Name	Name
Mobile phone number	Mobile phone number
E-mail	E-mail
Others	Others
Name	Name
Mobile phone number	Mobile phone number
E-mail	E-mail
Others	Others

👾 Determine Where to Gather

Name	Phone number
Name	Phone number
Name	Phone number
Name	Phone number

🤯 Emergency Contact

	Phone number
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	Phone number

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