



Heavy rain · Typhoon

What is heavy rain

Heavy rain is the rain that falls than usual. In Japan, heavy rain occurs during the rainy season (June to July) and typhoon season (July to October).



What is typhoon

Typhoon is a natural phenomenon in which very strong winds and heavy rain move together with great energy. Typhoons often occur in Japan from July to October.

What to do during heavy rains/typhoons...

There may be very strong winds and rain.

- Rivers may flood.
- Water may flood roads and buildings.
- Landslides may occur. Evacuate during the day when it is still safe.
- Evacuate immediately if near rivers, coastal areas, mountains, etc.



If you need to evacuate:

- Notification will be made via TV or radio if evacuation is necessary. Listen carefully.
- Avoid evacuating by car; walk if possible.
- Don't forget to bring your passport, residence card, etc.



If you are unable to evacuate:

- It is dangerous to go outside during heavy rain or wind, or if roads are unusable.
- At these times, please stay in a safe place in your home.
- Areas on the second floor and above that aren't located near steep slopes are safest.



What is earthquake

Earthquake is the shaking of the ground. Japan is a country that experiences a lot of earthquakes. We do not know when a large earthquake will occur. The ground may crack. Mountains may collapse. Buildings and roads may be destroyed. When an earthquake occurs, electricity, gas and water supply are cut off. It will be difficult to connect to your mobile phone.



What is tsunami

Tsunami is a high wave coming from the ocean. After an earthquake, a tsunami (large wave) may come. A tsunami may come when there is a tsunami attention warning. Do not go near the sea or rivers. A tsunami will come when there is a tsunami warning. If you are near the sea or rivers, immediately evacuate to higher place.

Earthquake · Tsunami

What to do if an earthquake occurs...

When an earthquake happens  
Protect yourself.  
Stay low and protect your head.



After the shaking stops

- ① Check if you or your family are harmed,
- ② Check for damage inside and around your home, and
- ③ Pay attention to TV or radio for information.

- \* If there is a fire nearby...
- \* If you live near the ocean...
- \* If you live near a cliff (a steep mountain)

If you are safe where you are...

5 to 20 minutes after

Escape to a designated emergency evacuation site/Designated evacuation site

If your home is damaged...

If your home is undamaged...

If your running water or electricity isn't working, or you're near a river/coastal cliffs, then...

Go to an evacuation center.

Return home.

For Accidents Police 110  
For Fires, Emergencies, First Aid Fire Dept. 119

For info on earthquakes, typhoons, etc. (multilingual info available)

NHK WORLD JAPAN  
Provides news on Japan and the rest of Asia. Provides information on disaster damage as well. Available for free.

Safety Tips - Disaster Info App  
Provides warnings for earthquakes, tsunamis, heavy rains, etc. Available for free.

If you can't speak Japanese...

VoiceTra - Multilingual Speech Translation App  
Converts what you say into Japanese and other languages. Available for free. Provided by: National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT)

!! Contact information in case of emergency

Name	Telephone number
Tamana city hall (representative)	0968 75-1111
Tamana city hall disaster prevention and safety division	0968 75-1130
Tamana police station	0968 74-0110
Ariake regional administrative affairs association fire department headquarters Tamana fire department	0968 73-7117
Tamana city disaster prevention radio telephone answering service	0968 73-3400

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Disaster Mitigation Points for Foreigners (Plain Japanese)  
See this info in your own language.



1 日本の自然災害を知ろう  
2 災害がおきる前に 準備しよう  
3 災害の情報を確認しよう  
4 安全に避難しよう (にげよう)

Remember the symbols of the evacuation sites

Designated emergency evacuation site  
Designated evacuation site (primary evacuation site)  
Designated evacuation sites (secondary and subsequent evacuation sites)

Find evacuation centers in your neighborhood:

You can find evacuation centers on your city/town hall website.

My neighborhood evacuation center: [ ]

About evacuation centers

- Anyone can go to an evacuation center; Japanese people, foreigners living in Japan, and tourists, etc.
- Please follow the evacuation center's rules.
- If you need help, you can ask someone at the front desk.
- First, use whatever supplies you brought with you.
- After that, you can receive food, drink, blankets, etc.
- No money is needed; you just have to wait in line.
- Check the bulletin board for new information.



Disaster-Related Japanese Words

避難 hinan	Evacuate/evacuation
余震 yoshin	Aftershock (small earthquakes that occur after an earthquake)
震度 shindo	Japanese scale for measuring earthquake strength
倒壊 tokai	Collapse (of a building, house, etc.)
火事/火災 kaji/kasai	Fire (in a home, of belongings, etc.)
停電 teiden	Power outage
断水 dansui	Water outage
不通 futsu	Electricity/water/gas not available or road is unpassable
給水所 kyusuijo	Place where water is distributed
救急車 kyukyusha	Ambulance
炊き出し takidashi	Meals provided at evacuation centers, parks, etc.
充電 juden	Recharging (cell phones, radios, etc.)

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