

I-3 Precaution against Natural Disasters

1. Typhoon

Typhoon is devastating rain and storm which occurs frequently across Japan, from July to October.

Possible Damages

- Things strewn by wind may hit and injure you.
- Landslide and flooding due to rain.
- Houses are submerged or inundated.
- Power loss.
- Buildings provided with water by means of water pump (electric motor) may lose water supply.

Weather forecasts help to advise coming typhoons, so please pay attention to them.

Prepare Against Typhoon

- Please pay attention to weather forecasts from radio or TV to know when and where typhoon passes through your area.
- When rain or wind intensifies, remain inside.
- Prepare a bag containing goods for emergency such as drinking water, dried foods, a flashlight, a portable radio and others.
- Please check (neighbors, police, etc.) for the evacuation site for your neighborhood.

2. Earthquakes

Compared with other countries, earthquakes happen in Japan quite often. When an earthquake occurs, the ground trembles, so sometimes it causes damage such as fallen furniture or even the collapse of buildings. In some cases, it triggers a tsunami (tidal wave).



When an Earthquake Happens

1. If you stay in a house or a building · ·

- Jump underneath a table to protect yourself from the things falling down.
- When trembling stops, switch off any fires such as gas ovens or stoves, then turn off the gas at the gas main.
- Open a door to the outside of the office/domicile to secure an exit to evacuate.
- Do not use elevator.

2. If you are outside · ·

Protect your head against the things falling down. Don't stay besides walls made from mortar nor under the eaves. Evacuate to a safe place such as an open ground without a building.

3. If you are driving a car · ·

Do not panic and after confirming your personal safety, slowly bring your car towards to the roadside and park. Even after the trembling stops, please remain cautious because aftershocks might occur.

Precautions to Take

- Please attach metal fittings or a chain to heavy furniture or bookshelves to prevent them from falling down.
- Do not put fragile things such as a vase on a shelf or above the head of your bed.
- Prepare a bag containing goods for emergency such as drinking water, dried foods, a flashlight, a portable radio and others.

3.To Collect Information on Natural Disasters

FM CO · CO · LO	76.5MHZ
NHK Radio 1	666KHZ
NHK General Television	2CH

4. Evacuation Area

You should evacuate to a designated evacuation site when a disaster occurs. Please check beforehand the location of the evacuation site near your house.

Evacuation Area in your neighborhood: