Our Family's Disaster Prevention Notes

English version

What will you do?



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Introduction

After going through a difficult time in the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011, we made "Our Family's Disaster Prevention Notes". We created this brochure for foreign nationals in Mito City in a way it can easily be understood so that it could be used if a disaster occurs. Keep it readily available to members of your family and feel free to use it.



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When it starts to shake violently



Get under the table! Protect yourself!



When the shaking subsides check the sources of fire!



Open the door to secure a means for escape!





Check the escape route (emergency door)!



Elevator



Don't take the elevator!

Stay away from the wall!

Keep away from the sea or river and flee to a high place immediately.





Go to a safe place

When the shaking subsides, wear a hat and running shoes, take things that you always have at hand, (P19) and go to safe place.

- □ Nearby park or open space
- ☐ Gathering spot
- □ Designated evacuation center (P20)



Watch out!

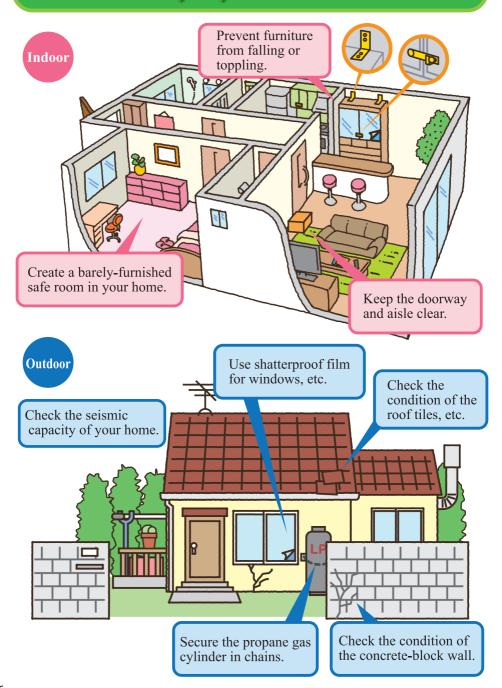
- □Aftershocks
- □ Walls will fall down
- □ Injury by broken glass
- ☐Flames will spread
- ☐ Signboards and tiles will fall down







Check the safety of your home



Heavy rain

In heavy rain

Downpour (heavy rain) could be predicted by the weather forecast.

Always check dangerous areas and





Use a rope

Secure yourself with a rope so as to stay close to each other and evacuate. Keep an eye on children among others.



Depth one can walk safely

Walking in a water depth of more than 50cm (knee level) is dangerous.

When water runs fast, please note that it is difficult to walk even in 20cm water depth.



Watch your step

Below water, there could be manholes, street gutters, etc. hiding.

Use a long stick to check footing.

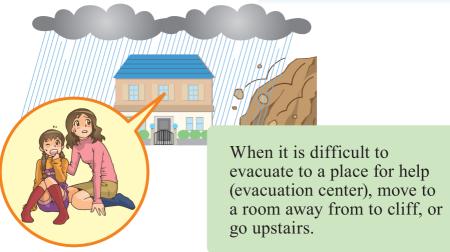
Knees



No evacuation by car

You will get stuck when caught in traffic or when water gets in the car (submerged) in water, so if possible evacuate on foot.





Potential landslide

Given these situations, evacuate immediately.



Falling stones



You can see a fissure in the cliff



Water is breaking through the cliff

When you find a fire



Alert others.

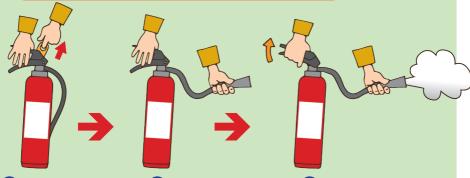
When you find a fire, it is also important to alert others in a loud voice and call 119 for the fire department.

Put out the fire in the early stages.

If the flame does not reach the ceiling, extinguish the fire with a fire extinguisher.







- 1 Pull the safety pin.
- 2 Release and aim the hose at the base of the fire.
- 3 Squeeze the lever.

Evacuate from a fire

Look at the escape route sign and flee.



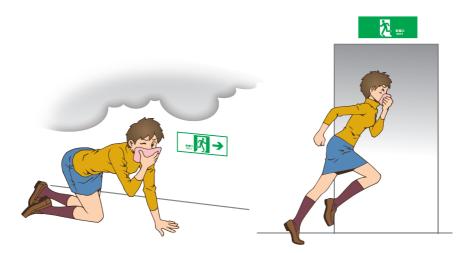
Escape route sign in white

It points in the direction of the emergency exit (exit for escape).



Escape route sign in green

It points to the emergency exit.



Check the location of the emergency exit and escape route sign on a regular basis.

When a fire breaks out, calmly go in the direction of the arrow and escape from the emergency exit (escape route sign in green). Place a towel, hankerchief, etc. over your mouth and nose to make sure not to breathe smoke, get low to the floor, and flee.

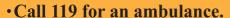
ABCs of first aid



- · When you find an unconscious person
- ·When a person collapses in front of you



Check the safety around you. Call out to the person in a loud voice and check whether the person is conscious.



• Have another person around you retrieve the AED.



Retrieve the AED.



Check breathing.

- When breathing has stopped
- When breathing is not normal
- When you are not confident in your judgment or don't know

Note: When breathing is normal, watch the person and wait for the ambulance, etc. to arrive.



Give chest compressions.

Giving chest compressions only is ok.



If you are able, perform artificial respiration.





When the AED arrives Place the AED pads on the person.

Operate the AED by following the audio guidance.



How to use an AED

What is an AED? (AED:Automated External Defibrillator)

The AED is a machine to regain normal cardiac motion by electric shock when the cardiac motion is not normal. In Mito City, AEDs are installed in all public facilities and convenience stores.

1. When the AED arrives

☐ Turn on the power.

(There is also a type of AED where power is automatically turned on when the lid of the case is opened.)

☐ Step-by-step instructions on how to use will be provided by automated audio guidance (simple Japanese) and blinking lights of the button.





2. Place the electrode pads on the person's chest.

- ☐ The positions to place the electrode pads are illustrated.
- □When you connect the electrode pads to the AED, it will automatically check the person's cardiac status.
- □Do not touch the person while the cardiac status is being checked.
- □ After checking the cardiac status, the AED will not charge when there is no need for electric shock.

3. Deliver electric shock.

- ☐ The "shock button" on the AED will blink when there is a need for electric shock.
- ☐ To prevent electric shocks, push the shock button after checking that there is no one touching the person.



To get information on the disaster

Internet



■ Mito City Hall Website

Also available in English, Chinese, and Korean.

Check hazard maps, etc. in advance. This website provides disaster management information from Mito City during a disaster.

https://www.city.mito.lg.jp/index2.html



☐ Japan Meteorological Agency Website

Also available in English. This website provides various weather information.

https://www.jma.go.jp/jma/index.html



☐ Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (Disaster prevention information for rivers)

You can see the current (every 10 minutes) Naka River water level (water height) and river camera footage.



https://www.river.go.jp/index/twninfo/pc?prefcC

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□ NHK WORLD-JAPAN

You can read the news in various languages.

 $https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/multilingual_links/$



Radio



■FM Palulun (FM 76.2 MHz)

Braodcast station in Mito City. This radio station provides information on the disaster and evacuation centers in Mito City during a disaster.

E-mail, etc.



■Early warning e-mail

You will be notified by automatic text messaging when evacuating during an emergency. *There are cell-phone models where set-up is necessary or that is unable to receive the early warning e-mail.

E-mail newsletter

You will be notified by Mito City. You will have access to disaster manangement information among others during a disaster.

*Register in advance.



□SNS

You will have access to information from Mito City via X, Facebook or LINE.











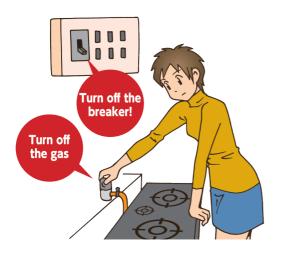


Go to an evacuation center

Elementary schools, junior high schools, and civic centers will provide a place to sleep, food, and toilet.



Evacuation center



When you leave your home, turn off the breaker, turn off the gas, and indicate the evacuation center.



Have a designated meeting place for your family



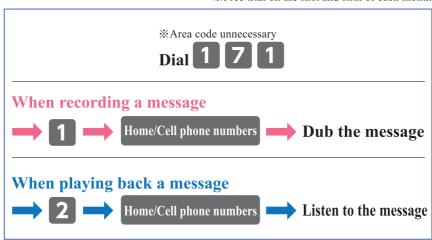
Have a designated meeting place for your family and write it down



Use the Disaster Emergency Message Dial

As a line of communication with your family, etc. in disasters, practice making a phone call to the Disaster Emergency Message Dial 171

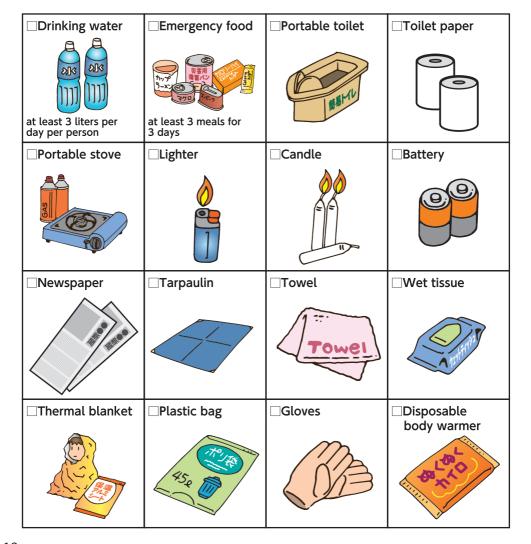
*Free trial on the first and fifth of each month



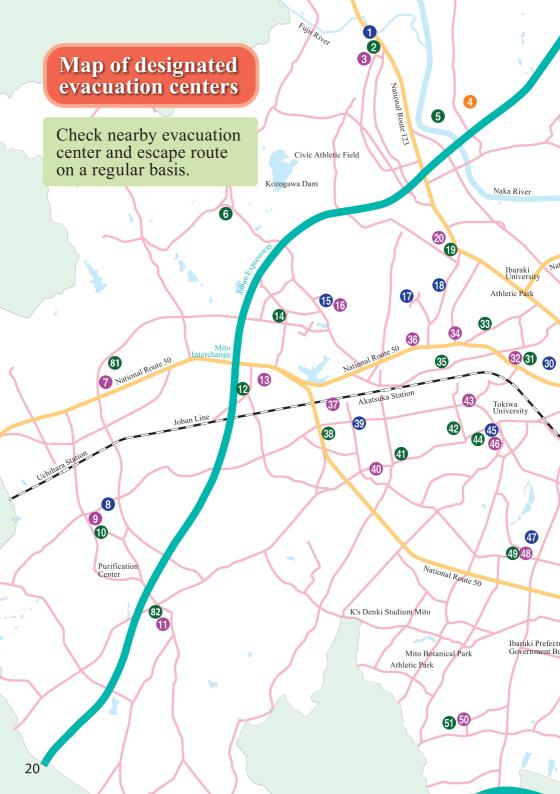
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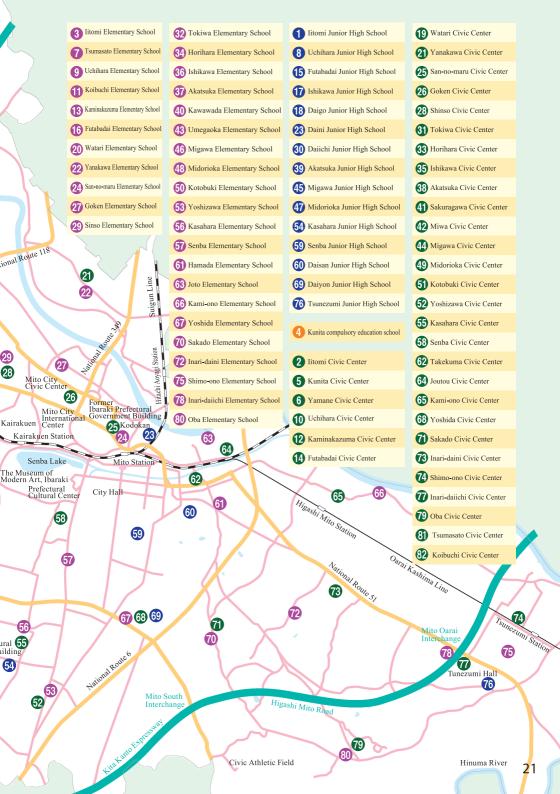
In case of electricity or water supply cut off, be prepared to have enough to live on.

Include essentials (indicated by a •) in your bag and keep it readily available (close to the door, etc.)
Carry the bag when evacuating.









Emergency contact number for your family

Present address	
Home phone number	

Name	Relationship	Cell-phone number and contact information of workplace and school

Contact information of the relevant agencies

Mito City Hall	029-224-1111
Mito City International Center	029-221-1800
Mito Police Station	029-233-0110
Fire-fighting or emergency first-aid (Mito City Fire Department)	029-221-0111

Disaster terminology

Japanese	Romaji	English	Meaning
_{じしん} 地震	Jishin	Earthquake	Disasater caused by the shaking of the surface of the earth
ましん 余震	Yoshin	Aftershock	Earthquake that occurs after a previous large earthquake
っなみ 津波	Tsunami	Tsunami	Giant wave coming from the sea after an earthquake
たいふう	Taifu	Typhoon	Disaster caused by heavy rain and strong winds
すいい 水位	Suii	Water level	Elevation of the surface of a river, etc.
こうずい 洪水	Kozui	Flood	Disaster caused by the rising of the water level of the river and flowing of water into towns, etc.
がけ崩れ	Gake-kuzure	Landslide	Disaster caused by collapsing slopes in an earthquake or typhoon
ひじょうぐち 非常口	Hijoguchi	Emergency exit	Exit to flee for safety from a building when a fire breaks out
心臓マッサージ	Shinzo-massaaji	Chest compression	Way to resuscitate from cardiac arrest by the use of firm pressure on the chest
ばんつうほう 119番通報	119ban-tsuho	Call 119.	Phone number when calling a fire engine or ambulance in Japan
ひなん 避難	Hinan	Evacuation	Move to a safe location from a hazardous location, etc.
こうれいしゃとうひなん 高齢者等避難	koreisha-tou- hinan	Evacuation of elderly people, etc.	Information that "those needing extra time to exacuate* must evacuate now"
ひなんしじ 避難指示	Hinan-shiji	Evacuation order	Information saying to "evacuate"
きんきゅうあんぜんかくほ 緊急安全確保	kinkyu-anzen- kakuho	Ensuring safety in an emergency	Information saying to "Please take action that will save your life in a safe place."
きゅういほう 注意報	Chuiho	Advisory	Information saying to "take precautions against the disaster"
けいほう 警報	Keiho	Warning	Information saying that "this is a potentially dangerous disaster"
ひなんじょ 避難所	Hinanjo	Evacuation center	Place to turn for help when a disaster occurs

Emergency contact information

To report fire, first aid, or rescue 119

To report an incident or accident 110





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