Protect yourself and your family from natural disasters
Survival Passport
Chapter 121

Please check the new Hazard Zone Map!

Handed out with this month's edition of the Momiji Dayori

Make sure to check! The flood hazard areas have changed

This month's Momiji Dayori was distributed with a new copy of the Hazard Zone Map (June 2021 ver.) to all households. The hazard zones*1 are set by Osaka Prefecture based on a survey and as a result the flood areas have changed quite a bit from the previous Hazard Zone Map (May 2019 ver.).*2 Make sure to check where the hazard zones are and whether it is safer to evacuate or stay home in the event of a disaster.

*1 A hazard zone is an area where there is a possibility of landslides or floods. Landslides are divided into red zones, hazard areas and yellow zones. Floods are divided into danger levels 1, 2 and 3.
*2 The new Hazard Zone Map flood areas are based on a one in 1000 year heavy rain whereas the previous ones were based on a one in 200 year heavy rain.

Check on the Hazard Zone Map — Please confirm which is safer for your home!

Is it safer to go to an evacuation center? or Is it safer to stay home?

In a typhoon or heavy rain, the most dangerous place to be is outdoors in a hazard zone. If you live in a hazard zone and your house is safe, it is actually more dangerous to go outside during a storm.
In Minoh City, in an emergency we advise those living in hazard zones to either evacuate to an evacuation center or take refuge inside. The action that you should take depends on the structure of your house and the risk of landslides, so please make sure to check the Hazard Zone Map!

Danger of houses collapsing

In the Red Zone

If you're in a one or two story (or higher) house, **regardless of the structure,** you should evacuate.

Danger of sediment flowing into the 1st floor windows

In a High Risk Area

If you live in a one story house you should evacuate

★Elementary schools are used as evacuation centers. (The exceptions are Maple Hall instead of Kita Elementary School, and Dai Ni Junior High School instead of Kayano-kita Elementary School.)

In a High Risk Area or a Yellow Zone

In a house with 2 stories or more...

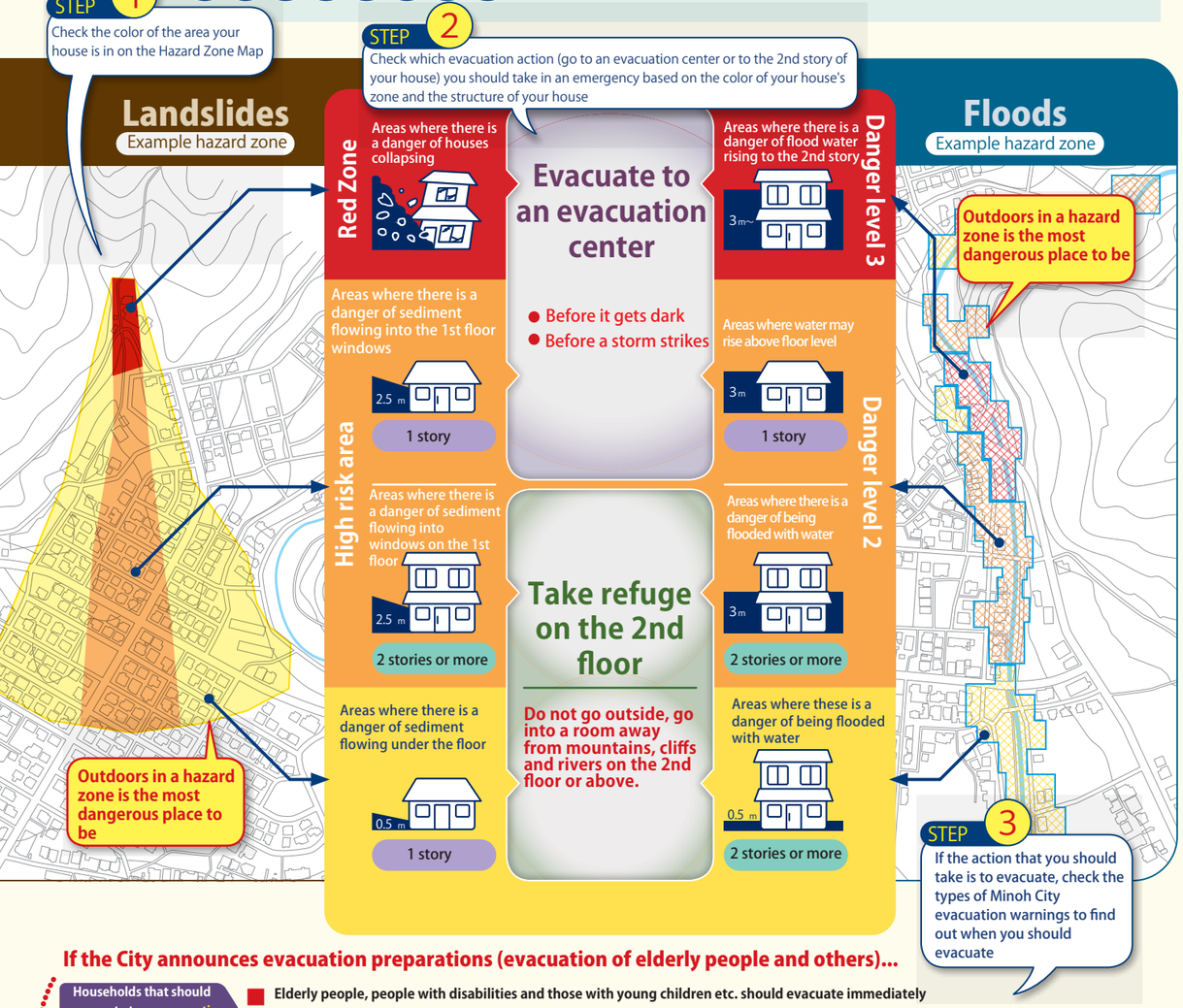
1 story house in the **Yellow Zone**

The latest version was published in June 2021

Make sure that you have the latest version

Check in 3 steps! How to read the Hazard Zone Map

Please check what color the area your home is and what evacuation actions you should take



If the City announces evacuation preparations (evacuation of elderly people and others)...

Households that should evacuate to an evacuation center

- Elderly people, people with disabilities and those with young children etc. should evacuate immediately
- Those who can follow standard evacuation procedures should begin to prepare for evacuation (and start to evacuate when an evacuation advisory is announced)

※ People who can take refuge on the 2nd story and people who live outside of the hazard zones can also go to an evacuation center. Even if it's just that you do not feel safe being home alone do not hesitate to go to an evacuation center for any reason.

※ To prevent the spread of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), measures such as ensuring that there is a lot of space etc. will be taken. Please look into the possibility of taking refuge at the houses of relatives and friends who live outside of a hazard zone.

From May — Evacuation Information is changing

Following national law reform evacuation information that is sent by Minoh City has changed as of the 20th of May. Please see the information to the right. "Evacuation preparations (evacuation of elderly people and others)" has changed to "Evacuation of the elderly etc.", "Evacuation advisory" and "Evacuation Order" have changed to "Evacuation Instruction". For more details please call the Civil Defence Division on 072-724-6750.

Alert level	Evacuation Warning	What you should do
5 Disaster occurring/disaster impending	Emergency safety measures (sent by the City)	Ensure your safety immediately!
Be sure to evacuate before level 4!		
4 High risk of disaster	Evacuation instruction (sent by the City)	Everyone should evacuate from dangerous areas
3 Risk of disaster	Evacuation of the elderly, etc. (sent by the City)	Elderly people etc. should evacuate from dangerous areas.
2 Weather worsening	Heavy rain, flood, or storm surge advisories (Japan Meteorological Agency)	Check what action you should take based on the Hazard Zone Map
1 Risk of weather worsening	Probability of warnings (Japan Meteorological Agency)	Be prepared for the chance of disaster