

Every year on 17 January, we run a citywide disaster drill together!

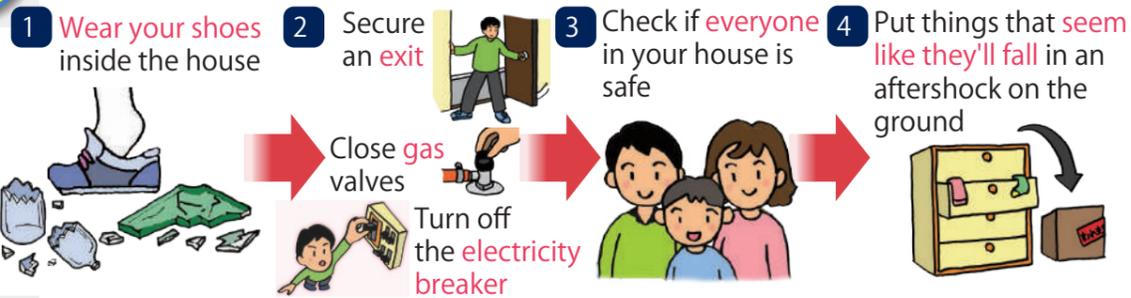
In Minoh City, regardless of which day of the week, every year on 17 January, the date of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, the whole city runs a citywide disaster drill. Next year's drill is on a **Monday!** Please participate in the drill from wherever you are in your designated role.

*There may be changes to the schedule or the scale depending on COVID-19

How to implement the Yellow Cloth Strategy

Earthquake! Once the shaking ends...

FIRST Put on your shoes, inspect your house and **prepare for secondary disasters!**

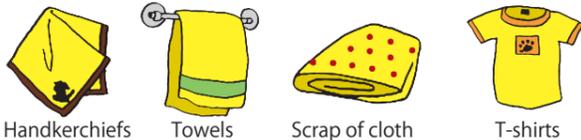


NEXT If everyone is safe, put a **yellow cloth** outside your house!

After a big earthquake, if everyone in your house is safe please hang a yellow cloth (any eye catching large yellow piece of cloth) somewhere visible from outside.

This way, you are saying "No problem here!" to your neighbors!

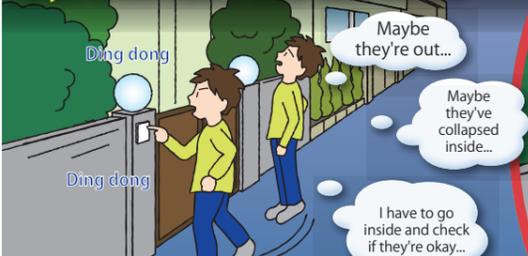
Any eye catching big yellow piece of cloth is OK!



If we carry out the Yellow Cloth Strategy, the process speeds up! There's no need to knock on every door. We will know the situation with just a glance!

If we don't implement the Yellow Cloth Strategy...

If you don't display a yellow cloth, each doorbell must be rung, because until someone inside responds we won't know if they are safe...



If safety checks take time, lives can't be saved!

Quick safety confirmation saves lives!

A yellow cloth! Everything here is fine! Right, on to the next!

For quick safety confirmation, please make sure to have a large yellow cloth at every home!

In Minoh City we are implementing the use of the Yellow Cloth Strategy in order to quickly confirm everyone's safety!

On 18 June 2018, an intensity level (shindo) lower 6 earthquake struck the northern region of Osaka Prefecture. Some of the buildings within Minoh City were partially destroyed along with other damage. In the confusion following the earthquake, neighborhood associations* implemented the Yellow Cloth Strategy in order to quickly check people's safety.

When it comes to saving lives in the event of a large scale disaster, it's very important to swiftly check people's safety so that you can quickly find the people who need help. In case another disaster strikes, please continue to use the Yellow Cloth Strategy.

*Neighborhood associations include apartment management associations.

We're implementing the Yellow Cloth Strategy!

Interview with Onohara Higashi Koganeo Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Association President Masaru Sano

Koganeo Neighborhood Association's Three Disaster Prevention Principles

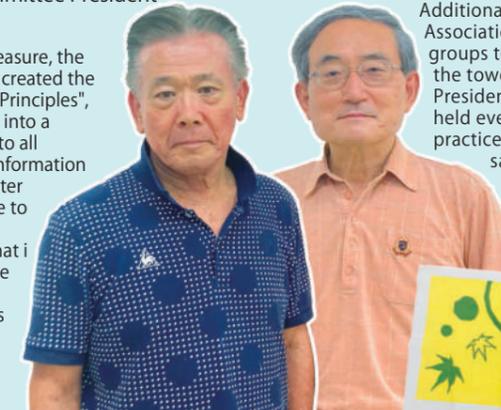
- 1 Personal safety and fire control
- 2 Calmly assess the situation to prepare for evacuation
- 3 Confirm your neighbors are safe

Koganeo Neighborhood Association is an 87-household community comprised of many stand-alone homes. To confirm people's safety as soon as possible if an emergency arises, we created an original yellow towel design. We distributed the towels to all households so that if disaster strikes, they can put them up in a visible spot (such as gates).



Disaster Prevention Committee President Fujio Ohara

As a disaster prevention measure, the Neighborhood Association created the "Three Disaster Prevention Principles", which have been compiled into a document and distributed to all households with detailed information on each principle and disaster preparations. We would like to continue to raise disaster prevention awareness so that in the event of a disaster, the community can react to disasters by thinking of it as "our problem" rather than "someone else's problem".



Additionally, the Neighborhood Association has divided into seven groups to each check the status of the towels and report this to the President. A citywide disaster drill is held every 17 January where we practice these steps to confirm the safety of people quickly and accurately.

Koganeo Neighborhood Association original yellow towel



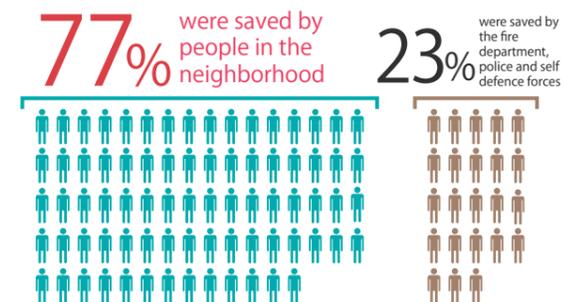
In the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake

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of the people who were saved were saved due to human connections

It is impossible for public agencies to save everyone if an earthquake or other disaster strikes. In the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, only around 20% of the people rescued were saved by emergency services such as the fire department or the police. The other 80% were saved by neighborhood associations and through community connections.

How people were saved during the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake



We can save more lives by checking the safety of the people around us!

Please check the information about the Yellow Cloth Strategy on the page to the left!

In a disaster

Let everyone know you are alright with

The Yellow Cloth Strategy!