

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

In Minoh City, every year on 17 January (the date of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake), regardless of which day of the week, the whole city runs a citywide disaster drill.

Next year's drill is on a Tuesday! Please join in the drill from wherever you are in your designated role!

How to use the Yellow Cloth Strategy

Earthquake! Once the shaking ends...

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

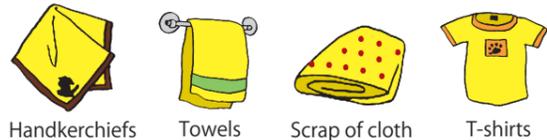


NEXT If everyone is safe, **put a yellow cloth outside your house!**

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 use the Yellow Cloth Strategy, the safety check 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 use 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 checks save lives!

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

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

In Minoh City we are using the Yellow Cloth Strategy to quickly check everyone is safe!

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* started using 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 use the Yellow Cloth Strategy!

Interview with the **Makiochi No.3 Neighborhood Association**



President Tomoyasu Gotou
The Makiochi No.3 Neighborhood Association is a community made of about 260 stand-alone households. We send out yellow "Safety Check Towels" to all households so that when a disaster strikes we can quickly check everyone is safe. In an earthquake of intensity level (shindo) lower 5 or higher, these are put up in a visible spot (such as gates). We have also joined with nearby associations to form the "Makiochi Combined Neighborhood Association", where we share safety checking methods and hold regular events together to build face-to-face relationships.



The Makiochi Combined Neighborhood Association collaborates with the Makiochi Division of the Fire Brigade to hold a "Mini Firefighting Fair" every September.

We want to make sure the "Yellow Cloth Strategy" can run smoothly in the event of a disaster. To do this, we divide all households into 27 groups, prepare "Safety Checklists", and hold regular drills. The safety check leaders wear a yellow vest to be identified quickly. We also decided they should carry a megaphone to call out to residents if they cannot see a yellow cloth. In addition to safety check drills, we also use local disaster response stations to hold disaster drills and other activities, so the whole association has a better understanding of disaster prevention.



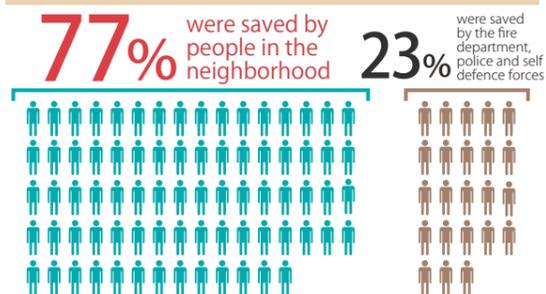
Vice-President Hiroharu Fushita



In the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Close to 80% of people saved were saved due to local 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 in the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake



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

Please check the **Yellow Cloth Strategy** information on the left page!

Survival Passport

Chapter 137

Yellow Cloth Strategy!

In a disaster

Let everyone know you are safe with the