

Protect yourself and your family from natural disasters

Survival Passport

Chapter 170

The Earthquake Early Warning System!

When it starts, what should you do?

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The earthquake early warning system is an alert that tells you when an earthquake has started and soon the shaking will reach you.

There are only a few seconds between the earthquake early warning and when the shaking starts!

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If the earthquake early warning sounds, protecting yourself is the most important!

Hide under a desk or table

Protect yourself by hiding under a strong desk or table in a place where things won't fall or collapse. Hold onto the legs of the table, etc. tightly and prepare for strong shaking.

When you aren't close to a desk or table

When inside

Use what is around to protect your head

You can use what is around you (e.g. a pillow, bag, shopping basket, etc.) to protect your head. If there is nothing nearby, protect your head with your clothes or hands. Move to an area where things won't collapse or fall on you, and curl up.

When outside

Move away from dangerous areas

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Move away from dangerous areas (e.g. concrete walls, vending machines, old buildings, etc.). Watch out for falling objects (e.g. glass, signs, roof tiles, etc.). Protect your head with your bag and move to a wide open area.

Useful info!

Evacuation centers open in these situations

When an earthquake strikes or there is a risk of landslides/floods caused by typhoons, evacuation centers will open. They can protect people from disasters before they strike, and are a place for affected people to stay and a base for disaster support (e.g. distributed supplies).

Earthquake of intensity level (shindo) lower 5 or higher strikes

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If an earthquake of intensity level (shindo) lower 5 or higher strikes the city, all Elementary School district evacuation centers will open.

Strong wind/flood damage evacuation information sent

Based on information from the Japan Meteorological Agency, the city will send out evacuation information ("Evacuation of the Elderly, Etc.", "Evacuation Instruction", etc.) and open evacuation centers.

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※Evacuation centers may also open in other situations that are not listed above.

Your evacuation center is the Elementary School in the district you live in (in the case of the Kita Elementary School District, it is Maple Hall. For the Kayano Kita Elementary School District, it is Dai Ni Junior High School.)