

Prepare for earthquakes

If an earthquake occurs

Earthquake occurs

Ensure your safety and wait until the shaking stops to ascertain the circumstances.

Check the situation around you.

Temporary evacuation site

(small parks, vacant lots, etc.)

These sites are made available for people in an area to come together and ascertain the safety of neighbors, the impact of the disaster in the area, etc., and to evacuate in accordance with circumstances. Temporary sites optionally determined by neighborhood associations, this is the first step toward mutual aid.

Fire is spreading

Evacuation area

Note: Refer to the map for these evacuation sites. Open areas where you can evacuate to escape intense heat or smoke when there is danger of spreading fire.

No fire risk
No collapsed buildings/structures

Stay at home

If there is no danger of fire or collapse of your residence, then you do not need to evacuate.

Home is unlivable due to collapse/fire

Local disaster preparedness center (Evacuation shelter)

Note: Refer to the map for these evacuation sites.

These sites are opened to the public if a seismic intensity (shindo) rating of 5+ or greater is detected in the city, even in one spot. There are 15 such sites in Naka Ward where evacuees can stay.

Major role of local disaster preparedness center

- (1) Designated evacuation sites
- (2) Sites stockpiling minimum water and food supplies
- (3) Sites where information on safety of individuals, damage reports and emergency supplies availability are gathered and disseminated

If required

Special-needs shelter

These secondary evacuation sites are designed for the elderly, persons with disabilities, etc., who would have special needs during evacuation.

Evacuating during a tsunami event

Key points to evacuating during a tsunami event

● Evacuate to higher ground faster

When evacuating, get to a place:

- At least five meters above sea level
- On the third floor or higher of ferroconcrete buildings that can withstand shaking during an earthquake.

● Do not drive your car to evacuate

Do not evacuate with your car (except in cases where you are assisting some with difficulty walking or other extraordinary circumstances). Large numbers of people evacuating by car can cause traffic jams and impede the evacuation process.

Preparing for heavy rain or typhoon

What to do in the event of heavy rain or typhoon

Start

Q Look at the hazard maps for your area. Are you in a danger zone?

No

Remain on standby at home
Remain alert and check disaster and evacuation information.

Yes

You may be in danger, so you need to evacuate to a safe place.

Examples of dangerous areas



Home above or below a cliff/slope



Home near a river



Home near a sea

Note: Even in areas impacted by landslide, if you live in the upper floors of a sturdy apartment or condominium building, you will be safe remaining at home.

Q Will it take time for you to evacuate? (e.g., elderly person, person with a mobility impairment)

Yes

If Warning Level 3 is announced, evacuate to an evacuation site or a relative's or friend's home in a safe location.

No

If Warning Level 4 is announced, evacuate to an evacuation site or a relative's or friend's home in a safe location.

Evacuate!



Where do I evacuate? —Evacuate to save your life



Horizontal evacuation



Vertical evacuation

● Evacuate to a safe location.

Evacuate to an evacuation site, to nearby high ground, or to the home of a relative in a location not subjected to landslide or potential flooding alert.

● Evacuate to the second floor or higher of a robust building or to a nearby tall building.



Shelter in place

Opposite side of cliff/slope

● Take shelter in a safe place inside a building.

If it is more dangerous to evacuate outdoors, instead take shelter on upper floors of your home, the other side of a cliff, etc.

Even when no evacuation information has been issued, you can take other actions if you feel danger.

Evacuation sites in the event of storm and flooding damage/warning levels

At **Warning Level 3**, evacuation sites will be opened for people located near cliffs/slopes, etc.



- Mugita Seifuso 1-26-1 Mugita-cho
- Yamamoto ES 3-152 Yamamoto-cho
- Otori ES 1-251 Honmoku-cho
- Kamidai Shukaijo 2-50 Hongo-cho
- Minato Sogo HS 231 Yamashita-cho

Note: Additional evacuation sites will be opened in accordance with disaster circumstances. These sites differ from the evacuation shelters that open following an earthquake with a seismic intensity (shindo) of 5+ or higher.

| Warning Level | Action |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 5 | Life-threatening danger. Take immediate measures to protect your life! |
| Always evacuate by Level 4 | |
| 4 | Everyone must evacuate from dangerous locations |
| 3 | The elderly and other vulnerable persons must evacuate from dangerous locations |
| 2 | Check your evacuation procedures |
| 1 | Be on alert for a disaster |