

Step 3

How to determine when is the correct time to evacuate

When a disaster occurs, it is important that you gather relevant information from the section titled "How to Gather Information" in Chapter 2, and use this information to evacuate safely. In some cases, a disaster may occur before an evacuation order is issued by the authorities. You should pay attention to earthquake information and the situation around you, and take action to preserve life if you sense danger.

Tsunami evacuation

A major earthquake has occurred.

Important points regarding tsunami evacuation

If you live in an evacuation target area, evacuate according to the following procedure.

Step 1

Firstly, protect your own safety.

If you feel strong shaking, or a weaker earthquake that continues for a longer time, please make sure you are safe.

Announcement of major tsunami

This announcement will be made via TV, radio or outdoor speakers.

Step 2

Prepare to evacuate immediately.

If you are at home

- Close all gas valves
- Turn the electrical breaker off
- Check on your family and neighbors
- Take your emergency provisions with you

If you are outside

- Check on the people around you
- Ask neighbors for help

Step 3

Begin evacuation without panicking

Aim for the evacuation location you determined in Step 1.

The principle when evacuating from a tsunami is to "aim for a safe place you can reach given the time and ability available". If you have limited time and strength, head for a nearby high place or an emergency evacuation location.

Evacuating on foot

In principle you should not evacuate by car. Evacuating by car leads to traffic jams and can hinder evacuation.

Do not approach the coast or rivers

After an earthquake, cliffs and riverbanks can be damaged and extremely dangerous. Do not go near them.

Do not divert from the direct route

Evacuating from a tsunami is a battle with time. Do not go back to your house to get possessions or because you are worried about it. Evacuate directly.

Evacuating to an emergency evacuation location

Emergency evacuation locations are for temporary evacuation, and are not equipped with any equipment. Once a tsunami has arrived, the area around the emergency evacuation location may be underwater for some time and you may become cut off. If possible, you should aim to evacuate to outside the tsunami evacuation area.

Step 4

Ensure you complete your evacuation

Accessing correct information

Ensure that you access correct information via TV, radio and outdoor speakers, and prepare for what you need to do next.

Go higher if the tsunami arrives.

If the tsunami arrives before you have managed to evacuate, evacuate immediately to somewhere higher around you. If you can go even slightly higher, it is more likely that you will be safe.

Step 5

Continue to evacuate calmly.

Tsunami arrival

Continue to evacuate until you can be sure you are safe

The tsunami may arrive in the form of multiple waves. Continue your evacuation to a safe place until the evacuation instruction or tsunami warning is lifted, even if the water level goes down.

! Please write down here what you have learned/decided during steps 1 to 3.

Be prepared for flooding

My location (is / is not) in the evacuation target area when a tsunami occurs.

- If there is the threat of a tsunami, aim for the evacuation destination point.
- If you are strong enough, escape to a temporary tsunami evacuation location.
- If there is no time to evacuate, and you need to evacuate urgently, escape to an emergency evacuation location.

In principle, you should evacuate on foot.

	(Time required for evacuation*)
Temporary tsunami evacuation location	(Minutes)

Evacuation destination point	(Minutes)

Emergency evacuation locations	(Minutes)

If you have time and the ability during a tsunami evacuation, aim for a safe place.

*The time required is shown to the bottom right of the detailed map.

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