






From May 20,2021

Alert level 4

“Evacuation Order” Means You Must Evacuate

The previous “Evacuation Advisory” level has been abolished

Alert level	New Evacuation Information		Past Evacuation Information
5	 Disaster occurred or it is oncoming	Securing Urgent Safety ※1	Disaster Occurrence Information (issued upon confirming occurrence)
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4	 High Disaster Risk	Evacuation Order ※2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuation Order (Emergency) • Evacuation Advisory
3	 Possible Danger Risk	Evacuation of Senior Citizens and vulnerable people ※3	Prepare to Evacuate. Senior citizens and other vulnerable people begin to evacuate.
2	 Worsening Weather Conditions	Heavy rain/ Flood/Storm Surge Advisory (Meteorological Agency)	Heavy rain/ Flood/Storm Surge Advisory (Meteorological Agency)
1	 Risk of Worsening Weather Conditions	Early Advisory Information (Meteorological Agency)	Early Advisory Information (Meteorological Agency)

※1 Alert level 5 is not always issued, as municipalities cannot always acknowledge the exact disaster situation.

※2 Evacuation orders are to be issued at the same timing as evacuation before.

※3 When Alert level 3 is issued, even people other than senior citizens should refrain from usual behavior as necessary, prepare for evacuation, and evacuate by themselves upon feeling danger

“Alert level 5, Securing Urgent Safety” means that a life-threatening situation is occurring where safe evacuation is already difficult. You must evacuate **BEFORE the issuance of the “Alert level 5.”**

The previous evacuation advisory for level 4 has been discontinued. You should evacuate hereafter at the “Alert level 4, Evacuation Order” from the dangerous places.

Those who need time to evacuate, such as senior citizens and people with disabilities, must evacuate at the “Alert level 3, Evacuation of Senior citizens and vulnerable people, etc.” from dangerous places.



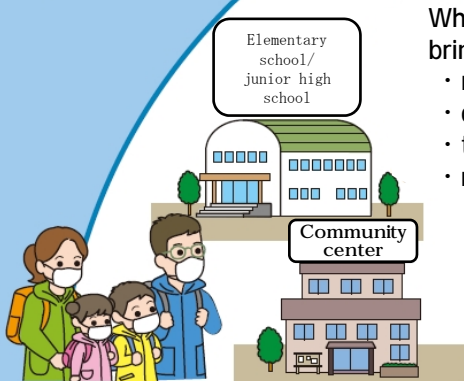
What does
"evacuation"
mean?

Evacuation doesn't mean only going to elementary/junior high schools or community centers.

It means "avoiding" any "danger." There are four types of actions as follows:



Evacuation to the places designated by the local/national governments.



What you should bring with you:

- masks
- disinfectant
- thermometer
- room shoes

Evacuation to the home of relatives or acquaintances

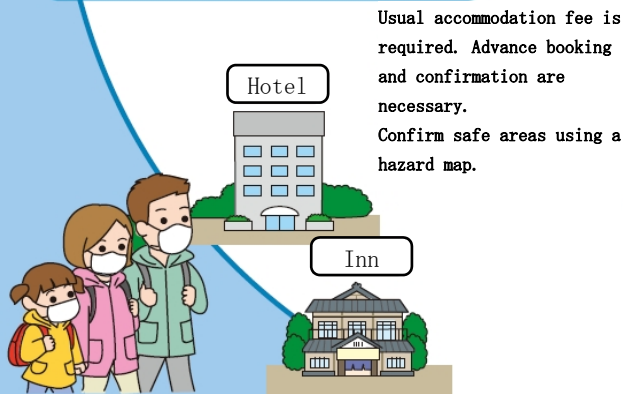
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Evacuation to a safe hotel or inn



Usual accommodation fee is required. Advance booking and confirmation are necessary. Confirm safe areas using a hazard map.

Securing the safety in your house

Confirm the following "Three Conditions" on the hazard map to make sure if you can stay in your home safely.

"This area/room is safe and secure!"



Expected maximum floodwater level

※ It is a general rule that it is required for you to leave your home in areas where landslide disasters may occur.

If you can secure these "Three Conditions," you can stay at home and secure your safety even during a flood.

❶ Your house is OUT OF the expected flooding area where houses may collapse. (If your house is WITHIN that area...)

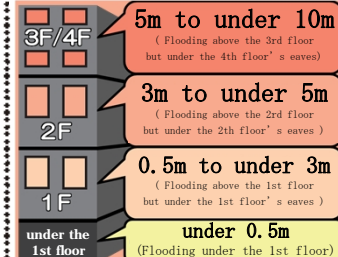


Wooden houses might collapse due to the rapid water flow.



Houses might fall apart from their foundation due to the scraped ground.

❷ The floor is higher than the flood level.



❸ When you can remain home until the floodwater has receded, and you have enough food and drinking water. (If you don't have enough...)

You might have difficulty to obtain drinking water, food, medicine, etc., and you might not have access to electricity, gas, tap water, and toilet facilities.



※ There might be no description on the hazard map about ❶ the expected flooding areas where houses may collapse and ❸ the time needed for floodwater to recede. Please ask your municipality for more information.

Traveling outside during heavy rain, including by car, is dangerous. If you have no choice but to stay at night in a car, confirm your surrounding situation sufficiently to avoid the dangers of flooding.