

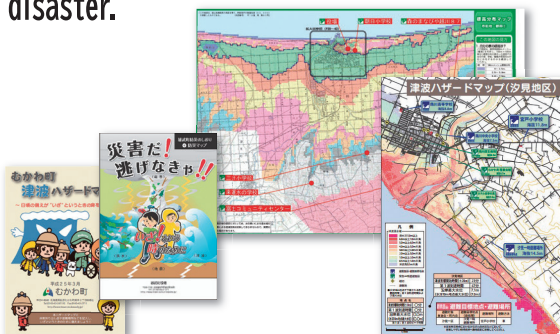


Essential Knowledge for Disaster Prevention ~ Prepare for Disasters as a Family and as a Community ~



Hazard Maps

- Hazard maps indicate in an easy-to-understand manner information necessary for residents to evacuate independently. They indicate areas at risk of natural disasters, as well as evacuation sites and routes, and the locations of disaster prevention related organizations.
- Maps are created separately according to the type of a disaster. Make sure to discuss with your family and community on how to respond in the event of each type of a disaster.



Family Meeting on Disaster Prevention

- Decide how family members will communicate, and where to evacuate in the case of a disaster. Choose an evacuation site and try to simulate an emergency situation.
- Agree as a family that if there is the risk of a tsunami, each family member will prioritize their own evacuation. It is important to avoid a situation in which it is too late to evacuate because of waiting for family members to come home or get in contact.



Get Involved in Regional Activities

- In the event of a disaster, helping others within your neighborhood is essential.
- In addition to community-based disaster prevention drills and workshops, get actively involved in community activities to build face-to-face relationships.

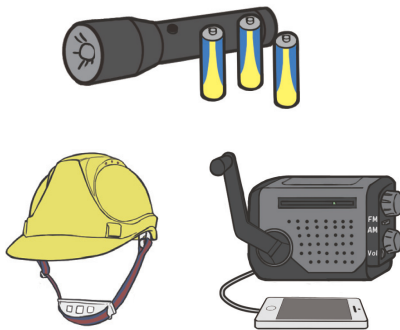


Support for Those who Become Stranded in the Event of a Disaster



- The Hokkaido Government is working in cooperation with the private sector to ensure that cooperating stores in the affected areas will provide as much aid as possible to stranded commuters, students and tourists in the event that road traffic networks and public transportation systems are suspended due to an earthquake or other disasters. “Homecoming Support Station in Case of Disaster” stickers are posted at cooperating stores.

Preparing Items for use in Case of an Emergency



- Prepare items for use in different types of emergency situations; “Emergency items to take out” (which can be brought outside in the case of an emergency); “Emergency stocks” (food and other goods which can be used to support your daily life at home or evacuation site after the disaster); “Items to carry at all times” and “Items to load into the car” (which can be used if an emergency occurs when you are away from home).