



Hokkaido's Natural Characteristics and Natural Disasters



1 Living in Harmony with Nature

- We, the residents of Hokkaido, live alongside the island's natural environment, benefitting from the blessings which each season brings.
- Nature sometimes shows its devastating power. However, if we understand its mechanisms and take the appropriate preventive measures, we will be able to minimize the damage caused by natural disasters.



**Taking Precautions
to Live Alongside Hokkaido's
Natural Environment**

2 Major Natural Disasters Which Have Affected Hokkaido in Recent Years

① Earthquake

Occurred: September 2018

Disaster: 2018 Hokkaido Eastern
Iburi Earthquake



② Volcanic Eruption

Occurred: March 2000

Volcano: Mt. Usu



③ Storm and Flood Damage

Occurred: August to September 2016

Disaster: Heavy Rain and Other
Natural Disasters



④ Snow Damage

Occurred: March 2013

Disaster: Blizzard

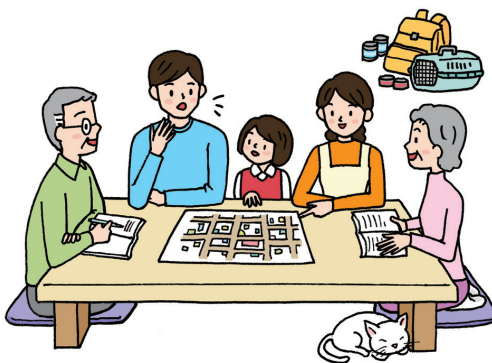


Be aware of possible disasters.



- Gain knowledge on how to protect your life in the event of a natural disaster.
- Clarify the possible disasters which you should be cautious of.
- Get to know the history of your region and learn about regional disaster prevention measures for possible future disasters.
- Develop an understanding of estimated damage in Hokkaido.

Getting to Know Disaster Prevention Measures



- Ensure that you can correctly interpret weather and disaster reports.
- Decide upon a set of rules which your family will follow in the event of a disaster.
- Mentally prepare yourself for a disaster by taking physical preventive measures.
- Collaborate with your community, school, or company on disaster prevention methods.