

## **Preparing for a Volcanic Eruption** ~ Protect Your Life During an Eruption ~



Familiarize yourself with volcanoes. Are you aware of what measures shoul be taken in the event of an eruption?

- Be aware of volcanic mountains in your region and learn about volcanic activity in the surrounding areas.
- Have you seen a hazard map of the area, and what measures are taken in the event of an eruption?
- •Are you prepared to act in the event of an unexpected crisis?



# If a Volcanic Activity Begins

- Gather information about the area's volcanic activity and prepare for a sudden eruption.
- If a volcano erupts, stay alert and take and steps to evacuate as necessary.
- The initial eruption is not necessarily dangerous. Careful judgement and prompt action are crucial.
- Lend support to secure the safety of tourists and those in need in your community.



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- Do not judge the risk by yourself and follow official information which is based on reliable observational data.
- The period of restoration after an eruption is a chance to build a safer community.





#### Get to know the volcanic mountains in your region.



- Look at a hazard map and evacuation plans, and learn about the observation, monitoring of volcanic activity.
- Participate in image training on how to respond during an eruption, as well as mountain hikes and outdoor study events, and make the use of these experiences to contribute to disaster reduction activities.
- Pass down the memories on the disaster from generation to generation, and improve disaster mitigation capability in collaboration with residents, administrative bodies, and experts.

### Precursors of a Volcanic Eruption, Warning and Evacuation



■There are various types of precursors of a volcanic eruption. As volcanic activities are surrounded by a high level of uncertainty, perfect predictions are impossible.

#### Prioritize safety when taking action by following information about volcanic activities, warnings and evacuation orders.



- DO NOT enter restriction and warning zones.
- Take prompt action to prioritize safety by observing entry restrictions and evacuation orders.
- •Make effective use of local information along with public information.
- As eruption activities could become prolonged, careful action to prioritize is required.