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## Stay prepared for weather emergencies

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From June to September, Hiroshima sees the most concentrated rainfall from extreme weather events such as typhoons and rainy season. That's why it's important for you to be prepared and ready to evacuate when you need to. Below are some tips to help you stay ready.

**Inquiries:** Disaster Prevention Division (*Saigai Yobō Ka*): Tel: 082-504-2664

### 1. Be aware of hazard areas around you

There are several resources available to check for hazard areas prone to landslides, flooding, etc., where you live. **The Hazard Map site** and the **Hiroshima City Disaster Prevention Portal Site** provide important information for residents on which areas are at risk.

#### Hazard Map Site

Provides information such as Flood Prediction Maps (flooding, high tide, tsunami), Landslide Hazard Areas, Evacuation Shelters, and more. If your residence falls in a highlighted area, it means you live in a high-risk area.

The Hazard Map app can be downloaded from the City website, or you can get a hardcopy at your local ward office's Community Revitalization Division (*Chiiki Okoshi Suishin Ka*). Maps are available in the following languages: Japanese, Chinese, English, Filipino, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Vietnamese (via automatic translation).

#### Hiroshima City Disaster Prevention Information

<https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/saigaiinfo/330114.html#en>



### Inquiries about the Hazard Map Site

**Community Revitalization Division** (*Chiiki Okoshi Suishin Ka*) of your local ward office

Ward	Tel	Ward	Tel
Naka	082-504-2820	Asaminami	082-831-4926
Higashi	082-568-7704	Asakita	082-819-3905
Minami	082-250-8935	Aki	082-821-4905
Nishi	082-532-1023	Saeki	082-943-9704

### **Hiroshima City Disaster Prevention Portal**

The ultimate resource for information regarding disaster prevention! Information is available in seven languages including: Japanese, English, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese (via automatic translation). You can also check Hazard Maps here.

#### **Hiroshima City Disaster Prevention Portal Site**

<https://www.bousai.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/en/>



## **2. Make an evacuation plan**

In order to be able to evacuate to safety as smoothly and quickly as possible, it is important to have a plan in place beforehand. Evacuation sites are safe places, including:

- ✓ Friend or relative's home (outside of hazard areas)
- ✓ Hotels
- ✓ School or other government-designated evacuation site

※ If you are already somewhere safe, there is no need to evacuate.

### **Hiroshima City Emergency Evacuation Guide App**

The **Hiroshima City Emergency Evacuation Guide app** is a multilingual app that is useful during emergencies for fast and reliable information.

For more details, please see:

<https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/english/165106.html>



## **3. Stay informed**

### **Hiroshima City Disaster Preparedness Text Alerts (Japanese only)**

By signing up using your mobile email address or computer email address, users can receive emails (texts) regarding evacuation information or alerts for heavy rain, etc.

For more information, please see:

<https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/saigaiinfo/17955.html>



### **Hiroshima City Official LINE Account (Japanese only)**


Information regarding disaster prevention is available online via the city's social media accounts.

Please see: <https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/soshiki/9/201138.html>




### **Several resources are available to stay informed about evacuation information, including:**

- Hiroshima City Emergency Evacuation Guide App
- Hiroshima City Disaster Prevention Portal
- Cable television
- Emergency warnings
- Hiroshima City Twitter, Facebook and social media
- Television (Digital Data Broadcasting)
- Community wireless warning system
- Siren warning system

 During an emergency, the City of Hiroshima provides emergency information, such as evacuation warnings, natural disaster information, and civil protection alerts through sirens or announcements made via public speakers outside. However; in some situations, it may be hard to hear these clearly, so, if you hear the sound of an emergency siren, please check your Hiroshima City Disaster Preparedness Text Alerts, the Hiroshima City Emergency Evacuation Guide App, TV, or radio to get the latest information.

### Emergency Warning Levels and What They Mean

Learning about the various warning levels used during times of natural disaster will help you know when to evacuate. All residents must evacuate immediately at Level 4.

Warning Level	What you should do	Advisories and Warnings
<b>Level 1</b>	Stay aware of weather reports and stay prepared for emergencies.	<b>Early Warning Information</b> (早期注意情報//Sōki Chūi Jōhō)
<b>Level 2</b>	Make sure you know where to evacuate and how to get there.	<b>Flood Advisory</b> (洪水注意報//Kōzui Chūi Hō) <b>Heavy Rain Advisory</b> (大雨注意報//Ōame Chūi Hō)
<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Senior citizens (etc.) should evacuate</b> Those who need more time, such as senior citizens, should begin evacuation.	<b>Evacuation notice for senior citizens and those who need more time</b> (高齢者等避難//Kōreisha-Tō Hinan)
<b>Level 4</b>	<b>All residents evacuate immediately</b> <b>If you live in a disaster-prone area or feel you are in danger, go to an evacuation site immediately.</b>  If it is dangerous to go to an evacuation site, go to a nearby safe place.	<b>Evacuation Order</b> (避難指示//Hinan Shiji)
<b>Evacuate to safety by Level 4</b>		
<b>Level 5</b>	<b>Disaster in progress; take IMMEDIATE action for your safety</b> Do what you think is best to protect yourself and the safety of everyone around you.	<b>Take IMMEDIATE action for your safety</b> (緊急安全確保//Kinkyū Anzen Kakuho)

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