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J-ALERT: National Early Warning System

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J-ALERT is a national early warning system in Japan where the Japanese government transmits emergency information about ballistic missiles and natural disasters, including earthquakes and tsunami, to the public in a timely manner.

When J-ALERT warnings are issued, secure your safety immediately and take necessary actions to protect yourself from danger. The followings are some examples of actions that you should take:

When J-ALERT warnings are issued:

Ballistic missiles

- When you are outside, evacuate to a substantial building that you can get to quickly or go seek shelter underground
- If you are outside and there are no robust buildings nearby, take cover or lie down on the ground and protect your head
- When you are indoors, stay away from windows or evacuate to a room with no windows, if possible

Earthquakes

- Cover your head and take shelter (under a desk, etc.)
- Do not run outside in a panic
- If you come across a fire, do not rush to extinguish it if it means putting yourself in danger.
- Be cautious around concrete walls as they may collapse
- Watch out for falling objects, such as signboards and broken glass

Tsunami

- Immediately move to higher ground or a designated evacuation site

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