

What do you do in a tsunami?



Tsunamis can come suddenly following the occurrence of an earthquake. When you are near the coast and feel either strong shaking or prolonged shaking, leave that location immediately and evacuate to high ground or another safe location, regardless of whether or not a tsunami alarm has been issued.

Even if your home is in a safe location, you are not always at home. Be it for work or shopping, you probably on occasion leave your house and go near the coast. Let's learn some points on evacuating during a tsunami.

Four Points on Tsunami Evacuation

1 Do not judge the severity of the earthquake shaking on your own.

There have been many cases in the past in which a tsunami occurred following moderate shaking. Shaking on the coast was only at a seismic level of three during the 1896 Meiji-Sanriku Earthquake, but it was followed by a large tsunami. If you are in a tsunami danger zone then you should put top priority on evacuating even if the shaking is slight or if you feel no shaking at all.

3 Don't believe popular myths about tsunamis.

During the 1983 Sea of Japan Chubu Earthquake, in Akita Prefecture a large number of elementary school students visiting the beach on an outing were washed away by the tsunami. Until that time, popular myth stated that tsunamis did not occur on the Sea of Japan, and it was shown that the local people were lacking in vigilance toward tsunamis. Do not leave your life to baseless rumors; listen carefully to the tsunami information issued by the Japan Meteorological Agency.



2 Do not use your car when evacuating.

In general, cars should not be used when evacuating. During the 1993 Hokkaido Nankai-Oki Earthquake, on the island of Okushiri many people tried to evacuate in their cars. Traffic jams occurred on the narrow roads, resulting in the cars getting swallowed by the tsunami and many people losing their lives.



4 Go to a higher place rather than a farther place.

If the flooding has already started, it is likely that you will be unable to evacuate in an ideal manner. In this case, rather than trying to get farther away you should evacuate to a higher place, such as to a tall building nearby. Be sure to evacuate to a reinforced concrete building more than three stories tall, and get above the third floor. If there is a Tsunami Evacuation Building, evacuate to it.

Tsunami/Flooding Evacuation Building

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In Suita City, "Tsunami/Flooding Evacuation Buildings" have been designated for evacuations from tsunamis and flooding.



Public Facilities

Suita Dai-Ichi Elementary School	Dai-San Junior High School
Suita Dai-Ni Elementary School	Dai-Go Junior High School
Suita Dai-San Elementary School	Dai-Roku Junior High School
Suita Higashi Elementary School	Toyotsu Junior High School
Suita Minami Elementary School	Toyotsu Nishi Junior High School
Suita Dai-Roku Elementary School	Uchihonmachi Community Center
Toyotsu Dai-Ichi Elementary School	Workers' Center
Toyotsu Dai-Ni Elementary School	Culture Hall (May Theater)
Esaka Oike Elementary School	

Please see the Disaster Prevention Map (p. 31-) for locations of public and private facilities.

Private Facilities

Duskin Pia
Duskin Osaka Central Plant
Duskin School
NESCO General Building
Biken Techno Head Office Building
Koyo Electric Co., Ltd.
Adream Esaka
LeeSide Toyotsu
Top Sangyo Building
Kotobukicho Fujiwara Bldg.
Esaka Square Bldg.
City House Suita Honami-koen Park
GLA Kinki Kaikan Meeting Hall
GLA Kinki Kaikan Meeting Hall Annex
Meiji Scholl of Oriental Medicine