



# Using an Emergency Hazard Map

Please follow these steps to prepare a hazard map for your home.

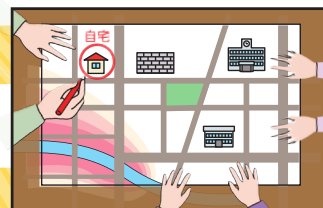
A good Hazard Map includes important information like dangerous areas, evacuation shelters / emergency evacuation sites, and evacuation routes that you will need to know after you know what kind of disaster is happening and the risks. Follow these steps to create your own Hazard Map. You will have to make your own map.

STEP

1

## Find your home on the map

When found, clearly mark your home on the map.

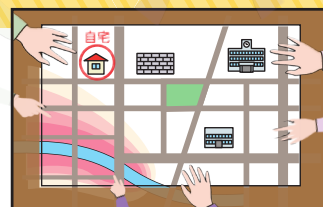


STEP

2

## Check the map around your home for danger zones that can be caused by disasters such as flooding or landslides.

The areas where flood damage and sediment-related disasters are expected during an emergency are in different colors on the map. If you live in or near one of these colored areas, please be aware of any dangers near you.

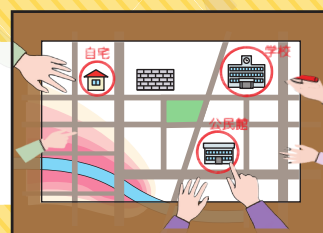


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3

## Confirm the nearest evacuation site to your home

The evacuation shelters and emergency evacuation sites of the town are listed on the map. Check the location and name of the nearest evacuation site to your home.

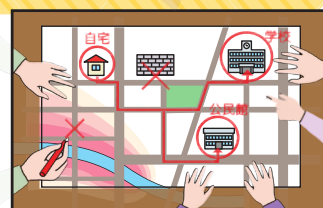


STEP

4

## Plan a safe evacuation route

Carefully plan the best route from your home to the evacuation site you chose in #3. Be sure to avoid dangerous areas shown on the map (from #2) as well as thinking about how other people will be moving and acting in the emergency.



STEP

5

## Talk with your family about the plan and what to do in a disaster

Talk about your plans with your family and neighbors before disaster strikes. It is important to know where everyone is going and what the safest routes may be, as well as being able to do a headcount to make sure everyone is safe. Having a plan can prevent panic, which is often the most dangerous part of a disaster.

STEP

6

## Check the evacuation route and practice it

Actually walk your evacuation route with your family and neighbors. During the walk, try to look for things that can block your route. Also use this time to make sure everyone in your group is able to follow the route. Re-check #2-5, and use this time to plan any alternate routes.



STEP

7

## Prepare a "Emergency kit"

A "Emergency kit" is an important emergency preparation tool. Refer to the "List of items to bring out in an emergency" and discuss what will be important to bring in case of an emergency (I.D., food, water, medical supplies, money, a radio and any other tools that may be useful)

