

Even if the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has not subsided, *in principle, **evacuate hazardous places** if disaster hits.*

## 5 points to keep in mind

- “Evacuate” means to escape from the danger. **If you are in a safe place, you do not need to go to an evacuation shelter.**
- Evacuation shelters are not only elementary and junior high schools or community centers. Consider **evacuating to a relative’s or an acquaintance’s home that is safe.**
- There is a shortage of **masks, disinfectant, and thermometers.** As much as possible, **bring your own.**
- **The evacuation shelters** designated by your local government **may have changed or increased in number.** Be sure to **check your local government’s website, etc.**
- Going outside during torrential rains is **dangerous, even in a car.** If you have no choice but **to spend the night in your car, take great care to check your surroundings, etc.,** to make sure you are not caught in a flood.



# Let's Check If Your Home is Safe!

## Evacuation Decision Flowchart

**Start!**

### What should you do to evacuate?

Find and mark the location of your home on a hazard map.\*

\* A hazard map is a map that colors areas that are at higher risk of disasters such as flooding or landslides. However, disasters can also occur in areas that are not colored.

Is your home in a colored area?

No

Even if you do not live in a colored area, if the area is lower than the surroundings or near a cliff, you should check the information provided by your local government and evacuate as appropriate.

Yes

Your home is susceptible to disasters, so you must evacuate your home, in principle.\*

Exception

• Even in areas at risk of flooding, **you can stay at home safely** in the following cases:

- 1) You are not in an area with high risk of houses collapsing or being destroyed by the flood.
- 2) Your home is on higher ground than the depth of the flooding.
- 3) Even if flooding occurs, you have enough water, food, and other supplies to wait until it subsides.

\* Even in areas at risk of landslides, **you can stay at home safely** if you live on the upper floors of sufficiently sturdy buildings, such as apartments.

Will it take time for you and anyone with you to evacuate?

No

Yes

Do you have a relative or acquaintance who lives in a safe place and who you could stay with?

Yes

When an alert level **3** is issued, **evacuate to a relative's or an acquaintance's home that is safe.**  
(Discuss it regularly before disaster strikes.)

No

When an alert level **3** is issued, **evacuate to an evacuation shelter designated by your local government.**

Do you have a relative or acquaintance who lives in a safe place and who you could stay with?

Yes

When an alert level **4** is issued, **evacuate to a relative's or an acquaintance's home that is safe.**  
(Discuss it regularly before disaster strikes.)

No

When an alert level **4** is issued, **evacuate to an evacuation shelter designated by your local government.**