

How do you evacuate?

When evacuating due to flooding, your actions will depend on where you live and the situation at the time. Thinking about this in advance will help ensure a smooth evacuation in case of emergency.



The key is to be aware that you should protect your own life, and to act on your own judgment!



! Early Long-Distance Evacuation

There are a number of large rivers in the city that may cause serious damage due to river flooding, and there are several school districts where designated emergency evacuation shelters within walking distance may not have sufficient capacity.

Check the [5 Early long-distance evacuation] shown in [Persons recommended for early long-distance evacuation] on the map and consider **evacuating at an early stage** if possible.

Evacuation action according to the level of danger in our city

Evacuation action 1 Evacuation to a designated emergency evacuation shelter

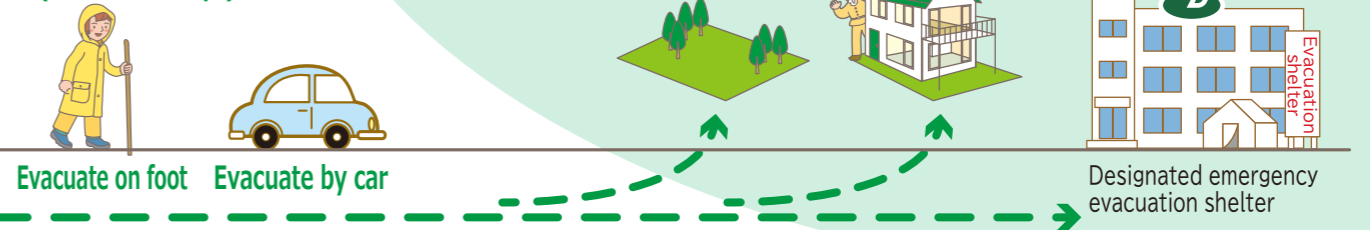
- This is the **basic evacuation action** for those who have coloring on the maps.
- If you are able to evacuate early, evacuate to a safe place where flooding is not expected.



Early long-distance evacuation

[Eligibility]

- Those with limited mobility
- Those who are far from an emergency evacuation shelter
- Those who live in school districts where capacity is expected to be insufficient (Check the map!)



Evacuation action 2 Evacuation to a safer area or a building nearby

- This is an evacuation action **when it is unsafe to move to a designated emergency evacuation shelter.**



* In areas where there are many elderly people, voluntary disaster prevention organizations may voluntarily set up relatively safe facilities in the community as evacuation shelters in case evacuation action is delayed.

Evacuation action 3 Ensuring safety indoors (Vertical evacuation in a building)

- This is an evacuation action **when it is dangerous to even go outside.**



(Note) For those who live in an area requiring early evacuation or whose top floor is likely to be flooded, evacuate as soon as possible because safety cannot be ensured by this evacuation action.

- Danger**
- Poor visibility at night or in heavy rain
 - When only persons requiring special care (elderly, disabled, etc.) are at home
 - Risk of inland flooding (unfenced waterways, uncovered ditches, etc.)
 - Flooding around your home

Depending on the situation, you need to make your own judgment and take appropriate evacuation actions.

! Evacuation by car

- The first thing you should know is that **evacuation should primarily be on foot.** If everyone evacuates by car, the risk of traffic congestion as described below will increase.
- The target is **people with disabilities, people who have difficulty evacuating on foot due to the distance to the evacuation shelter, and people who can evacuate early from the school district where the capacity of the evacuation shelter is not expected to be sufficient.** Know the dangers and **start evacuating as soon as possible.**

[Risks when evacuating by car]

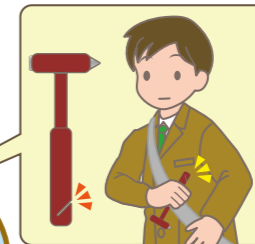
- The car may become stuck under a flooded underpass
- Traffic congestion may make it difficult to reach the evacuation shelter.
- The road along the river may collapse and cars may fall into the river.
- Cars may obstruct the passage of emergency vehicles.

[What happens to a car when flooding starts?]

★ If the flooding exceeds the floor level, you are in danger!

There may be damage to the electrical system or engine
→ Electric doors and windows may not work, the engine may stop or may not restart.

You can cut the seatbelt with the cutter part of the escape hammer.



- If the flooding level goes up to half of the door, you may not be able to open it from the inside.
→ You should break the window glass with an escape hammer
→ You can open the door if there is no difference in water pressure between the inside and outside.

- When tires are submerged in water
There is a risk that the vehicle may float, making it difficult to move.

For more information, check the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism's Road Bureau website.

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[Things to keep in mind when evacuating by car]

- Avoid underpasses or riverside roads.
- Watch out for flooded roads. Don't take the easy way into muddy flooded water. Muddy water may hide dangers.
- Give priority to the passage of emergency vehicles.
- Watch out for people evacuating on foot
- When leaving your car unattended due to flooding or other problems, pull over to the shoulder of the road.
- Gather information on the radio

