

Get ready to evacuate when the time comes; it could save your life.

Even under the COVID-19 circumstances:

*In the event of a disaster, **evacuate from hazardous places immediately***

## 5 points you should know

- “Evacuate” means to escape from danger. **If you are in a safe place, you do not need to go to an evacuation shelter.**
- Evacuation shelters are not limited to elementary/junior high schools or community centers, consider **staying with your relatives or friends** if they live in a safe place.
- Because of a shortage of PPE(personal protective equipment) such as **masks, disinfectant and thermometers**, bring your own when possible.
- **The evacuation shelters** currently designated by your local government **may have been relocated or new ones added.** Make sure to get the latest official information.
- Going outside during torrential rain is **dangerous, even by car.** If you have no choice but **to spend the night in your car, pay great attention to your surroundings,** be especially careful of floods.



# Is Your Home 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 highlights areas at higher risk of disasters such as flooding or landslides. However, disasters can also occur in areas that are not highlighted.

Is your home in a highlighted area?

No

You should still check the provided information and evacuate as appropriate; especially if you live in an area that is lower than its surroundings or near a cliff.

Yes

Your home is at risk. In the event of an emergency, you must evacuate.

Exception

• **Flooding:** You can stay at home in the following cases:

- 1) You are not in an area with a high risk of houses collapsing or being destroyed by floods.
- 2) Your home is on higher ground than the flood level.
- 3) You have enough water, food, and other supplies to last until the flood subsides.

\* **Landslides:** You can stay at home if you live on the upper floors of a sufficiently sturdy building, such as an apartment.

Do you feel uncertain about evacuating on time?

No

Yes

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

Yes

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

No

When a level **3** alert 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 you could stay with?

Yes

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

No

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