

Can you protect the ones you love?

As we have witnessed through examples such as the Hanshin-Awaji Disaster, Nigata Chuetsu Earthquake Disaster, and East Japan Earthquake Disaster, major earthquakes can happen at any time without warning. Further, in recent years there have been major land slides and water damage due to localized torrential rains all over Japan, which could happen at any time here in Sapporo as well.

If nothing is done to prepare for such disasters, or nothing is done when they strike, how will you protect the ones you love?

Can you protect them without the cooperation and support from those around you?

In order to keep damages at a minimum, it is important for all citizens to be alert and aware of disasters, as well as be well prepared and equipped to act in an appropriate and calm manner. Further, in order to cooperate with locals in the community and seek support, it is essential to show up and take part in regular disaster readiness meetings or drills available in the community or neighborhood where citizens can actually "see each other's faces."

This booklet is to provide information and knowledge concerning disasters, and how each person can prepare at home for such incidents. Please utilize this manual to prepare yourself and take part in disaster prevention activities in your neighborhood and community.

For the purpose of saving the lives of those you love.

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