

Collapsed buildings and falling furniture caused 90% of casualties.

Many of the homes that collapsed during the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake were built in accordance with the former earthquake-resistance standards. Be sure to have an evaluation and to renovate your home to prepare for an earthquake

※The old seismic standards refer to... The criteria for constructing structures that can withstand earthquakes, which were applied in the building inspections until May 31, 1981.

Reassurance and Ibaraki City's Disaster Prevention Measures

The city of Ibaraki subsidizes earthquake resistance, Design, Renovation, and Removal

Provided for wooden houses that received building approval and were constructed on or before May 31, 2000.

※Removal of non-wooden structures before May 31, 1981.

※Removal refers to the complete demolition of earthquake-prone wooden houses (in the case of tenement houses or multi-unit housing, the entire building).

The city promotes evaluation and renovation for earthquake-resistant structures and buildings within the city, aiming for a 95% earthquake resistance rate.

Inquiries

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The city provides community lectures on these matters.

In the apartment complex

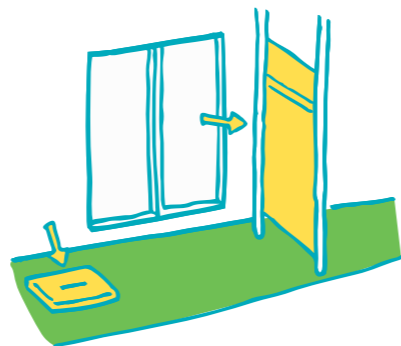


Shared parts

- Corridors and hallways are used as escape routes, so bicycles and old newspapers should not be placed here.

Veranda

- Confirm how to use the emergency exit.
- Do not place things around or on the top of the emergency exit.



Fire control equipment

- Confirm the location of and how to use for extinguishes, fire alarms and fire hydrants.

At Home

Window glass

- Reinforce windows with tape.
- Apply shatterproof film to windows.
- ※Draped curtain are also effective.

Entrance

- So as to be able to evacuate immediately, do not put any big objects in front of doorways, entrances, or exits.



Check the house

Is your house safe?

In order to minimize the damage due to disasters, one should take measures both inside and outside of the home.

At the house

Roof

- Reinforce the roofing tiles and the antenna

Gutters

- Repair them if they are broken
- Clean out drains regularly

Veranda

- Don't place potted plants on the handrail.
- Always keep tidy and organized.

Loose objects around the house

- To prepare for approaching typhoons, bring loose objects inside, if not secure them.

Fuel

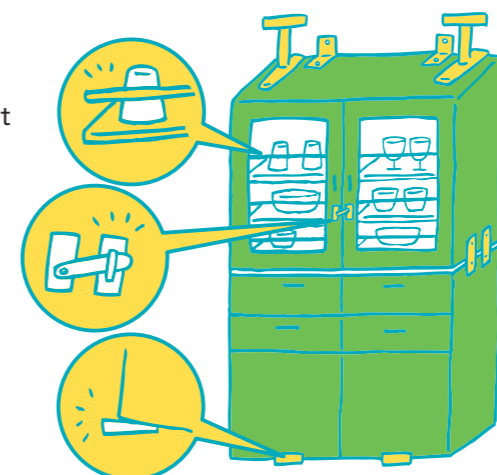
- Secure the propane gas and kerosene tanks with a metal chain.

Concrete block wall · gatepost

- Repair and reinforce any cracks or deterioration in concrete block walls.

Furniture

- Stabilize with things, such as extension bars, and L-bracket fittings.
- Install metal latches to keep doors from opening.
- Place a board underneath furniture to protect it from slipping.
- ※Folded newspapers may also be used.
- Don't keep things on the top of the furniture.



TV · PC

- Put it in a low place and secure by metal fittings.

Fire extinguishers

- Place in an easily accessible location.

Bedrooms

- Keep as few things as possible.