

Typhoon Precautions

A typhoon is a powerful tropical cyclone that occurs over the Pacific Ocean and travels through the East Asian region. From around July to September every year, typhoons frequently approach or make landfall in the Japanese archipelago, bringing heavy rains and strong winds that cause river flooding, landslides, power outages, water outages, and other such emergencies. In 2018, twenty-nine typhoons occurred, which was more than average; twenty-one of them approached or made landfall in Japan and caused serious damage that left many fatalities and casualties in their wake.

Unlike earthquakes, typhoons can be predicted in advance, so you should always be prepared by acquiring the latest “Information for Severe Weather Preparation” via the TV, radio, internet, or other such means. It is also important to have knowledge of what to do in the event of a natural disaster. A number of local government sites on disaster prevention for foreign residents were introduced in the October 2018 issue of Technical Intern Trainees’ Mate (they may also be found on the website version of Technical Intern Trainees’ Mate 🌐 <https://www.jitco.or.jp/webtomot/> [Living information > Safety Information > Precautions against Heavy Rains and Other Natural Disasters]). The following sites may also be helpful:

Multilingual sites on disaster prevention (2019)

- 🌐 **“Safety tips”** (an app that provides disaster-related information to foreign visitors [English, Chinese (simplified/traditional), Korean, Japanese]) issued by the Japan Tourism Agency
Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=jp.co.rcsc.safetyTips.android>
iPhone: <https://itunes.apple.com/jp/app/safety-tips/id858357174?mt=8>
- 🌐 **“Disaster Prevention Guidebook for Foreign Residents”** (simple Japanese, Vietnamese, Chinese, Tagalog, Indonesian, etc.) issued by Kagawa Prefecture
https://www.pref.kagawa.lg.jp/content/etc/subsite/kokusai/live_together/m_disaster/guidebook.shtml
- 🌐 **“The Disaster Prevention Handbook”** (Vietnamese, Chinese, Tagalog, etc.) issued by Fukuoka Prefecture
<https://www.bousai.pref.fukuoka.jp/foreigners/detail/5>
- 🌐 **“Disaster Manual”** (Japanese with furigana, Vietnamese, Chinese, Tagalog, Indonesian, Thai, etc.) issued by the Ibaraki International Association
<https://www.ia-ibaraki.or.jp/kokusai/soudan/disaster/>



A sample image of typhoon information
(Website provided by the Japan
Meteorological Agency)