Karuizawa Disaster Prevention Pamphlet for Foreign Visitors

Mt. Asama Is an Active Volcano-Know What To Do

[1] Pay attention to the mountain

If you see "smoke" (a plume) rising from Mt. Asama, check the internet, TV, radio, etc. for information.

[2] If Mt. Asama erupts

For a major eruption, please evacuate to a safe place/
take action according to the information announced by public authorities.

(Volcanic Ash)

- · Volcanic ash will be carried by high-altitude winds and deposited downwind.
- · Ash will accumulate on streets, making them slippery.

(Infrasound waves)

- Infrasound is a low-frequency vibration (shock wave) generated by a volcanic explosion.
- The shock wave may cause windows to break.

Sources To Get Further Disaster Information

Websites and Other Useful Info

JNTO (Japan Safe Travel) Global Site (English)



In the event of a disaster, the Japan National Tourism Association (JNTO)will post links related to the disaster on its website under the Important Notice section.

Japan Visitor Hotline (JNTO)

JNTO responds to inquiries by phone 24 hours a day in English, Chinese, Korean and Japanese.

Tel: 050-3816-2787

JNTO Twitter (English), JNTO Weibo (Chinese)

In the event of a natural disaster, these JNTO accounts provide information needed by foreign travelers.

Account: @JapanSafeTravel

NHK World Japan (English)

A 24-hour English channel broadcasting the latest news from Japan and Asia. It can be used as an English-language source of information in the event of an earthquake, typhoon or other major disaster.



volcanoes is announced on this government website.

(support in 14 languages including English and Chinese)

Multilingual information on weather, earthquakes, tsunami and



Apps

JNTO Japan Official Travel App (4 languages)

This tourist information app for smartphones provides disaster information notifications such as early warnings of earthquakes and special weather warnings.



Safety Tips App for Disaster Information (14 languages, including English and Chinese)

Safety Tips is an alert app for foreign visitors that provides disaster-related information.





When you are not sure where the evacuation shelter is, please show this to someone nearby.

私を観光振興センターに 連れて行ってください。

("Please take me to the Karuizawa Town Tourism Promotion Center")

Prepare Yourself for an Earthquake

[1] About earthquakes

- Japan has many earthquakes, and the ground can shake quite strongly.
- Earthquakes come without warning and cannot be predicted.
- Any of the following could happen in a strong earthquake:
 - Damaged or collapsed buildings
 - Landslides from hillside collapse
 - Fires
 - No utilities such as electricity, gas, water or telephones
- Suspended public transportation

[2] To protect yourself in an earthquake

- When indoors:
 - · Hide under a table to protect your body
- · Use a cushion, etc. to protect your head
- Move away from glass surfaces
- · Do not rush outside
- When outdoors:
 - · Use a bag, etc. to protect your head
 - · Keep away from block walls, glass surfaces or signs



Know What To Do for Typhoons or Floods

[1] Typhoons

- Japan's typhoon season runs from July through October.
- Typhoons bring heavy rains and strong winds. When a typhoon is approaching, check weather information on the internet, TV or radio, and refrain from going outside.

[2] Landslides

- Sudden falling or movement of earth and stones can come down slopes of hills or banks.
- Typhoons or heavy rains increase the occurrence of landslides. In such weather, keep away from hills or steep banks.

[3] Major Snowfalls

- Public transportation may be suspended when large amounts of snow accumulate.
- Snowy roads and paths are often slippery so to avoid falling, please watch your step.



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