

Method of distributing disaster information about floods and landslides has changed.



Leave no one behind!

When should I evacuate?  
What information should I refer to?

# Everyone Must Evacuate at Alert level 4

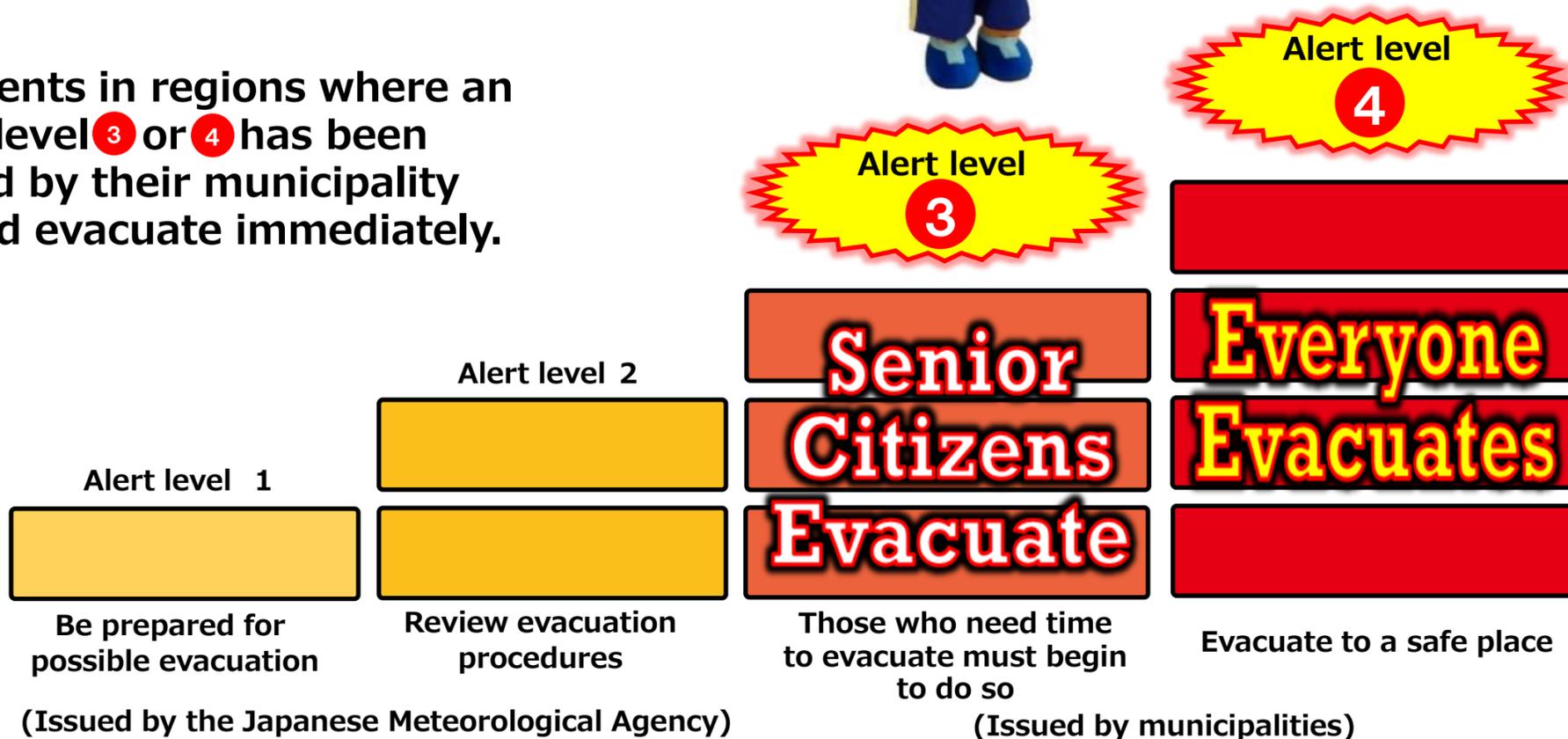
**"Alert levels"** indicate when you should evacuate.

Since June 2019, evacuation information has been issued using these alert levels.



Everyone Must Evacuate at **Alert level 4 !!**

Residents in regions where an alert level 3 or 4 has been issued by their municipality should evacuate immediately.



Alert level 5: Disaster has already occurred (Issued by municipalities)

Your local government will urge you to evacuate with the following kind of messages:



- \*Advisories may be issued in Japanese only
  - Emergency warning, emergency warning, **alert level 4. Start evacuating.**
  - This is XX City.
  - **An evacuation advisory, alert level 4** for flooding, has been issued for XX district.
  - **The water level of XX River has risen to the brink of flooding.**
  - To all residents of XX district, **please evacuate immediately.**
  - If it is dangerous to go to the evacuation site, **please evacuate to a nearby safe place or the highest room indoors.**
- You are informed of the alert level and actions you should take.
  - You are informed that an evacuation advisory has been issued.
  - You are informed that a disaster is imminent.
  - You are instructed what to do.

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# Evacuation information issued by municipalities and severe weather and disaster information issued by the national and prefectural governments have been consolidated into \* 1 five alert levels.

Evacuation Information			Severe Weather and Disaster Information
Alert Levels	Evacuation Procedures	Evacuation Information etc	Information equivalent to each alert level (examples)
<b>Alert level 5</b>	Disaster has already occurred. Take the best action to protect yourself.	<b>Disaster occurrence information*2</b> (issued by municipalities) *2: Issued when the occurrence of a disaster has been ascertained.	<b>Information equivalent to Alert level 5</b> River flood information Emergency heavy rain warning etc.
<b>Alert level 4</b> <b>Everyone evacuates</b>	<b>Evacuate immediately to the evacuation site.</b> If it is dangerous to go to a public evacuation site, evacuate to a nearby safe location or stay in the safest room in your home.	<b>Evacuation advisory Evacuation order (emergency)*3</b> (issued by municipalities) *3: Issued in a life-threatening emergency or when repeated advice for evacuation is required, depending on the region.	<b>Information equivalent to Alert level 4</b> River flood risk information Landslide warning information etc.
<b>Alert level 3</b> <b>Senior citizens evacuate</b>	Those who need time to evacuate such as the elderly, people with disabilities, infants and their helpers should evacuate. All other people should prepare to evacuate.	<b>Prepare to evacuate/Senior citizens and other vulnerable people begin to evacuate</b> (issued by municipalities)	<b>Information equivalent to Alert level 3</b> River flood warning Flood warning etc.
<b>Alert level 2</b>	Review your evacuation procedures using a hazard map etc.	<b>Flood/Heavy rain advisory</b> (issued by the Japanese Meteorological Agency)	This information should be referred to by residents when they evacuate.  <u>Severe Weather and Disaster Information</u> issued by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japanese Meteorological Agency and prefectural governments
<b>Alert level 1</b>	Be aware and prepared for the disaster	<b>Early advisory information</b> (issued by the Japanese Meteorological Agency)	

\* 1 Information may not be issued in numerical order of alert levels. Situations may change suddenly.

## Q&A

- Q1) What should I do when severe weather and disaster information has been issued but NOT evacuation information?  
 A1) Municipalities decide when to issue evacuation information based on a variety of available information. This means that sometimes the level of severity of evacuation information issued does not match that of the most recently issued severe weather and disaster information.  
 Please protect yourself by taking necessary measures and refer to the severe weather and disaster information.
- Q2) Evacuation instruction (emergency) has been positioned at Alert level 4, which is same as the evacuation advisory. Has the policy changed?  
 A2) A local region may issue an evacuation instruction (emergency) if it is a life-threatening emergency or repeated advice for evacuation is required. It is not always issued.  
 Please evacuate as soon as an evacuation advisory is issued. Do not wait for an evacuation instruction (emergency) to be issued.
- Q3) While "Information equivalent to Alert level 4" for flooding has been issued, "Information equivalent to Alert level 3" for landslides has also been issued. Does that mean that the Alert level for flooding went down to level 3?  
 A3) No, it does not mean that the flooding alert level went down from 4 to 3. It remains at level 4 and the landslide alert level 3 has been added. The region must be vigilant of both flooding and landslide disasters.

【Alert level 5】 means that the disaster has already occurred. This is not always issued.

When 【Alert level 3】 or 【Alert level 4】 is issued, evacuate in a safe and secure manner together your neighbors and other members of your community.

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