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Megaquakes along the Japan and Chishima Trenches

--Preparations--

Knowledge can save your life and the lives of your loved ones

In the region along the Japan and Chishima Trenches, a wide variety of earthquakes have occurred, including those on plate boundaries, causing great damage many times. Stay prepared for sudden earthquakes, and be ready for subsequent earthquakes if an "Off the Coast of Hokkaido and Sanriku Subsequent Earthquake Advisory" is issued.

Source region of the Tohoku-Pacific Ocean Earthquake

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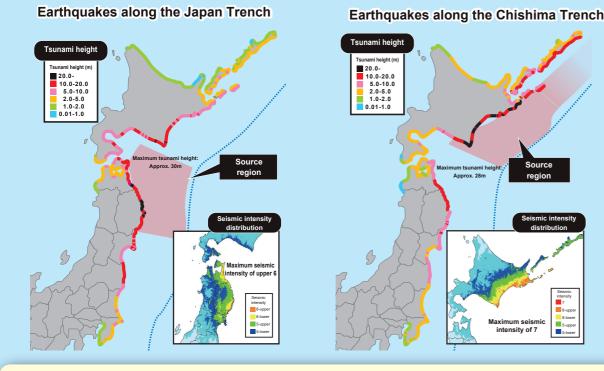
The probable source region of megaquakes along the Japan and Chishima Trenches

Maximum seismic intensity



Expected tsunami and seismic intensity

If a huge earthquake occurs along the Japan and Chishima Trenches, significant damage may occur over a wide area from Hokkaido to Chiba prefectures. Tsunamis could cause severe damage, especially in coastal areas. Areas where major damage is anticipated need to prepare for massive earthquakes along the Japan and Chishima Trenches.



Damage Estimates and Disaster Prevention Measures

- If an M9 class huge earthquake occurs, *approximately 199,000 people will die in the worst case*
- Even after escaping from a tsunami, the risk of death from hypothermia increases due to prolonged exposure to cold conditions
- Damage can be reduced by approximately 80% through preparing in advance, such as improving evacuation awareness and preparing cold weather gear

Note: An M9.1 earthquake occurs off the coast of Sanriku and Hidaka along the Japan Trench in the middle of the night in winter or when residents have a low awareness of the need to evacuate

Stay prepared for earthquakes on a regular basis



😗 : Preparations especially in snowy and cold regions

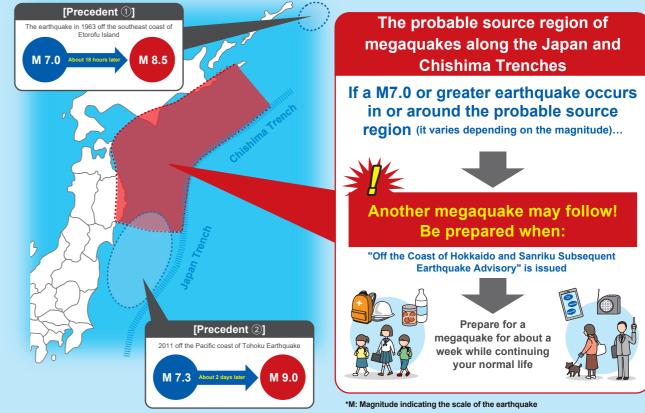
Stay prepared to protect your life and the lives of your loved ones in the event of a sudden earthquake

Prepare for potential huge earthquakes to follow

- Off the Coast of Hokkaido and Sanriku Subsequent Earthquake Advisory -

In the areas along the Japan and Chishima Trenches, there have been cases where a large earthquake (a subsequent earthquake) followed a magnitude 7 class earthquake. To save as many lives as possible, an "Off the Coast of Hokkaido and Sanriku Subsequent Earthquake Advisory" is issued when an M7 or higher earthquake occurs in or around the probable source region due to the relatively higher possibility of subsequent large earthquakes than usual, despite the low likelihood of occurrence.

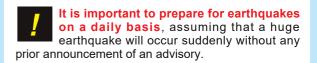
When an advisory is issued, reconfirm your usual earthquake preparations while continuing your socioeconomic activities for about a week after the earthquake, and be ready to evacuate immediately if you feel a tremor or a tsunami warning is issued.



Notes on the Off the Coast of Hokkaido and Sanriku Subsequent Earthquake Advisory

Taking into account global examples, the probability of subsequent earthquakes is about one in a hundred, so it is not guaranteed that a large subsequent earthquake will occur within a week.

The national and local governments are not calling for advance evacuations, but for about a week after an earthquake, you should be more cautious than usual about a large earthquake, and be ready to evacuate immediately if you feel tremors or a tsunami warning is issued.



The one-week period takes into account the limit to which people can continue to respond, so it does not mean that the possibility of subsequent earthquakes will disappear after one week. You should stay alert for earthquakes.