

Update on Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan

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Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan

On 11 March 2011, a large earthquake off the east coast of Japan generated a tsunami. Australians in affected areas should monitor the media for safety information and follow the instructions of local authorities.

If you have concerns for the welfare of family and friends who you believe to have been in the affected areas, you should first attempt to contact them directly.

If you are unable to contact them and still hold concerns for their welfare, you should call the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's 24-hour Consular Emergency Centre on **1300 555 135** (within Australia) or **+61 2 6261 3305** (outside Australia).

Australian in areas that have been badly affected by the earthquakes and tsunami are requested to call or email the Australian Embassy in Tokyo if you have not already done so. Please call **03-5232-4111** or email auscitzreg.tokyo@dfat.gov.au.

For the latest travel advice for Japan, visit the [SmartTraveller](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au) website.

<http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/Japan>

Please register and subscribe to this site. You will be sent an alert with updates to the advice. During the next few days, this site will be updated several times each day.

The Australian Consulate-General, Osaka temporarily extends opening hours on the following days:

9am to 8pm on Friday 18 March

9am to 5pm on Saturday 19 March

9am to 5pm on Sunday 20 March

9am to 8pm on Monday 21 March

We will advise ongoing opening hours for next week, but if you need to see us, please call and check opening times.

Useful Websites (English Website)

Australian government related links

<http://www.agd.com.au/>

The Multilingual Support Center for the Tohoku Earthquake in the Pacific Ocean

http://eqinfojp.net/?category_name=english

Latest correspondence from the Government of Japan

<http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/topics/2011/earthquake2011tohoku.html>

Multilingual radio broadcasts in Kansai and Hyogo Please make use of multilingual FM radio stations for foreign residents in Kansai and Hyogo. Information about the Tohoku Earthquake in the Pacific Ocean is also available.

Kobe City, Osaka City, Kyoto City, Sakai City and the surrounding areas

FMCO•CO•LO (76.5MHz)

<http://www.cocolo.co.jp/>

You can listen to it via the Internet by clicking the icon "radiko.jp" in the center of the top page.

In Nagata-ku Community FMYY (77.8MHz)

<http://www.tcc117.org/fmyy/en/index.html>

For FMYY (77.8MHz, only available in Nagata-ku and the nearby area), you can listen via the Internet from the following address:

<http://www.simulradio.jp/> (please click the “放送を聴く” icon of "FM わいわい" under “近畿”)

Portal Site on Policies for Foreign Residents

Link for foreign residents in Japan to access information provided by the Cabinet Office of Japan

<http://www8.cao.go.jp/teiju-portal/eng/index.html>

The latest news occurring in Japan and around the world provided by NHK World
<http://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/english/radio/program/index.html>

Google Crisis Response
<http://www.google.com/crisisresponse/japanquake2011.html>

Japan Earthquake how to protect yourself
<http://nip0.wordpress.com/english/>

Earthquake Info for Foreigners Facebook Page
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/earthquakeinfo.foreigner>

Hyogo Emergency Net - Please register with the emergency net for your safety and security

Hyogo Prefecture and other entities operate the Hyogo Emergency Net in order to provide foreign residents with important information concerning the weather, earthquakes, and evacuation, in times of an emergency using mail service on mobile phones. Available in English, Korean, Chinese, Portuguese and Vietnamese. If you want to receive such useful information, please visit the following website for registration: <http://bosai.net/e/>

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