

Preparation for emergency

6 Do you know how to prepare for storms and floods?

Preparation for wind and flood damage

- 1 Always maintain facilities and equipment.
- 2 Clean drains of a roof and the outside on a regular basis.
- 3 Study the previous disasters and the risks of disaster in the surrounding area.
(Example: Refer to the revised edition “Disaster prevention manual for my home” edited by Kumamoto City.)

When a risk of wind and flood damage(typhoon) is approaching,

- 1 Pay attention to the disaster information timely, such as accurate weather warning and flood forecasting.
- 2 Take all steps to ensure the safety of students, such as class cancellations and school closed.
- 3 Do not leave things which are easy to scatter with strong wind around campus, the university, and the rooftop.
- 4 Dangerous things, such as sign boards, a net for preventing balls, a soccer goal need to be lain down on the ground in advance or to be removed.
- 5 Close entrances and windows tightly, set up sandbags and water stop boards as necessary.
- 6 Move important documents, equipment, books, materials and chemicals to a safe place as much as possible.

Evacuation advisory and evacuation directive

- 1 Information for evacuate preparation
 - Persons who need time to evacuate, such as children, aged people and disabled people, start to evacuate as soon as possible.
 - Pay attention to the weather information from TV/ radio, and prepare for it.
- 2 Evacuation advisory
 - This is not an order, but prompt evacuation at an early stage for safety.
 - Persons who are in an evacuation target area try to evacuate at an early stage.
 - Do not evacuate by car because roads would be started flooding.
- 3 Evacuation directive
 - Persons who are in an evacuation target area must evacuate from dangers because risks of flooding close in the face, such as overflowing from river and burst banks.

An agreement about handling classes in the case of emergency situation

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1 The purpose of the agreement

The agreement provide necessary matters about handling classes to ensure the safety of students when a heavy snow warning, a storm warning, a blizzard warning, or a heavy rain and flood warning (hereinafter referred to as “weather warning”) is issued.

2 Lecture cancellation due to weather warnings

When a storm warning is issued for Kumamoto region (Kumamoto city)in Kumamoto Prefecture, the measures are as follows;

- First lecture will be canceled when the warning is still activated until 6:40 am.
- Second lecture will be canceled when the warning is still activated until 8:20 am.
- Third lecture will be canceled when the warning is still activated until 10:50 am.
- Fourth and Fifth lectures will be canceled when the warning is still activated until 0:30 pm.
- Sixth and Seventh lectures will be canceled when the warning is still activated until 4:00 pm.

Kumamoto Prefecture is susceptible to torrential rains and typhoons. And the coast of Kumamoto has a risk to be affected by storm surge. Do not approach the coast when a typhoon is approaching.

You should know that storm surge occur especially a south-facing bay or a deep-set bay.

Prepare and pay attention to storms and floods since an occurrence of those can be predicted to some extent.