



Do you have disaster and weather information ready at hand?

In the event of a disaster, it is important to get accurate information. This leaflet introduces smartphone apps and other tools that can be used to obtain information on disasters in Hokkaido. Make preparations to receive prompt information when necessary!

***Even if you have a data-only contract (with no registered Japanese phone number), or if you use your phone on Wi-Fi only, you can still receive disaster information by downloading these apps.**



Safety tips

Developed under the Japan Tourism Agency's supervision, this app notifies users of information regarding disasters happening in Japan.

<https://www.jnto.go.jp/safety-tips/eng/app.html>

Languages: Japanese, English, Chinese (traditional/simplified), Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Thai, Indonesian, Tagalog, Nepali, Khmer, Burmese, Mongolian.

App



NHK WORLD JAPAN

This app lets users check Japanese news, disaster information, and English live broadcasts (other languages are subtitled).

<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/ja/app/>

Languages: Arabic, Indonesian, Ukrainian, Urdu, English, Spanish, Swahili, Thai, Chinese, Turkish, Hangul, Burmese, Hindi, French, Vietnamese, Persian, Bengali, Portuguese, Russian

App



Yahoo! Disaster News

This free app sends push notifications about disaster prevention information, such as earthquake early warnings, and information about tsunami, evacuation notices, and disasters due to heavy rain.

<https://emg.yahoo.co.jp/>

Languages: Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean

*The app's interface is in Japanese only, but you can view the push notifications (disaster info) in other languages.

App



Hokkaido Disaster Prevention Information Email

This service provides the latest disaster information, such as warnings and advisories for heavy rain and floods issued by the meteorological observatory, and river levels observed in Hokkaido.

<https://www.hiecc.or.jp/soudan/info/detail.html?pid=6933368257951>

Languages: Japanese, English, Chinese (traditional/simplified), Korean, Russian, Thai, Malay, Spanish, Tagalog, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Nepali, Indonesian.

Email



Emergency Information Alerts

Alert

The "Emergency Information Alert" is a free service provided by phone operators. Disaster and evacuation information from national and local authorities is delivered immediately to compatible devices (mobile phones) within a specific area, regardless of potential line congestion.

To receive the Emergency Information Alerts on your mobile phone, your device must be compatible with the service and set up to receive it. Check whether notifications for the Emergency Information Alerts are switched "on" in your mobile phone's notification settings.

Languages: supported languages vary by the phone operator (NTT Docomo, KDDI/Okinawa Cellular (au), Softbank, etc.)