



Missile Alerts and What to Do If You Receive One

Based on information from the Cabinet Secretariat Civil Protection Portal Site

What is a "Missile Alert"?

If there is a possibility of a ballistic missile flying into Japanese territory, emergency information is issued via J-alerts. There are two forms of alerts.

- 1 Civil Protection messages and sirens are played from outdoor speakers.
- 2 Emergency messages are sent to mobile phones and smartphones.



How can I confirm the details of a missile alert?

In addition to sirens, emergency messages called "Area/Emergency Rapid Mail" are sent to cellular devices (with a domestic carrier) in the designated areas. In principle, Area Mail and Emergency Rapid Mail are sent in Japanese. The second page of this leaflet has examples of alerts and translations that can be used as a reference.



Safety Tips (Japan Tourism Agency)

With this app, you can receive Civil Protection information and alerts in 15 languages*, so make sure to install it.

*Japanese, English, Chinese (Simplified/Traditional), Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Thai, Indonesian, Tagalog, Nepali, Khmer, Burmese, Mongolian



Get alerts with just WiFi!

What should I do if an alert actually comes?

If you receive an alert message, stay calm and act immediately.



IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE

Evacuate into a sturdy (e.g. concrete) building nearby, or underground.



(NOTE) If a sturdy building cannot be found, you can use other buildings.

IF YOU CANNOT FIND A BUILDING

Hide behind something, or lie flat on the ground and cover your head.



IF YOU ARE INSIDE

Move away from windows, or into a windowless room.



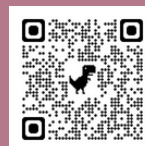
A missile has fallen nearby!

If you are outside: Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth, leave the place immediately, and evacuate upwind or into a well-sealed room.

If you are inside: Turn off the ventilation, close the windows, and seal any gaps or openings in the room.

CIVIL PROTECTION PORTAL SITE

This is the English portal site of the Cabinet Secretariat. The homepage itself is in English, but you can check information in other languages, too.



http://www.kokuminhogo.go.jp/en/pc-index_e.html



In case a ballistic missile is launched towards Japan: contents of the J-Alert System (with examples)

A selection from the "Cabinet Secretariat Civil Protection Portal Site"

Depending on the situation, emergency alerts such as those listed below will be issued via the J-Alert system. In general, these alerts will only be sent in Japanese, so please refer to the below translated examples. Note that the exact details of issued alerts may vary.

① Missile Launch • Call for Evacuation

ミサイル発射。ミサイル発射。北朝鮮からミサイルが発射されたものとみられます。建物の中、又は地下に避難して下さい。

"Missile launch. Missile launch. North Korea appears to have launched a missile. Take shelter in a sturdy building or underground."

② Missile has passed

ミサイル通過。ミサイル通過。先程のミサイルは●時●分頃、●●へ通過したものとみられます。不審な物には決して近寄らず直ちに警察や消防などに連絡して下さい。

"Missile has passed. Missile has passed. The missile has possibly passed to XX at around X:XX. If you find any suspicious objects, do NOT approach, and report it to the police or fire department immediately."

③ Estimation of fall outside Japanese territory

先程のミサイルは、●時●分頃、●●海に落下したものとみられます。不審な物には決して近寄らず直ちに警察や消防などに連絡して下さい。

"The missile has possibly landed in the XX Sea at around X:XX. If you find any suspicious objects, do not approach, and report it to the police or fire department immediately."

④ Estimation of fall inside Japanese territory

ミサイル落下。ミサイル落下。ミサイルが、●時●分頃、●●県●●市周辺に落下したものとみられます。続報を伝達しますので、引き続き屋内に避難して下さい。

"Missile impact. Missile impact. A missile has possibly landed in the area around XX City, XX Prefecture at around X:XX. Wait for more information and do not leave the shelter."

⑤ Call for Immediate Evacuation

直ちに避難。直ちに避難。直ちに建物の中、又は地下に避難して下さい。ミサイルが、●時●分頃、●●県周辺に落下するものとみられます。直ちに避難して下さい。

"Evacuate immediately. Evacuate immediately. Take shelter in a building or underground immediately. A missile will possibly land in the area around XX Prefecture at around X:XX. Take shelter immediately."

⑥ Destruction of Missile

先程のミサイルは、迎撃により破壊されました。ミサイルの破片の落下の可能性があります。続報を伝達しますので、引き続き屋内に避難して下さい。

"The missile has been intercepted and destroyed. There is a possibility of falling fragments. Wait for more information and do not leave the shelter."

⑦ Cancellation of Call for Evacuation

先程のミサイルは、我が国には落下しないものとみられます。避難の呼びかけを解除します。

"The missile is not expected to fall within Japan. The call for evacuation has been lifted."

BASICS OF INFORMATION TRANSMISSION (Cabinet Secretariat)

This is a flow chart that allows you to check the situations in which J-Alerts are sent and the actions to be taken when they are sent.



[https://www.kokuminhogo.go.jp/en/pdf/J_ALERT\(English\).pdf](https://www.kokuminhogo.go.jp/en/pdf/J_ALERT(English).pdf)