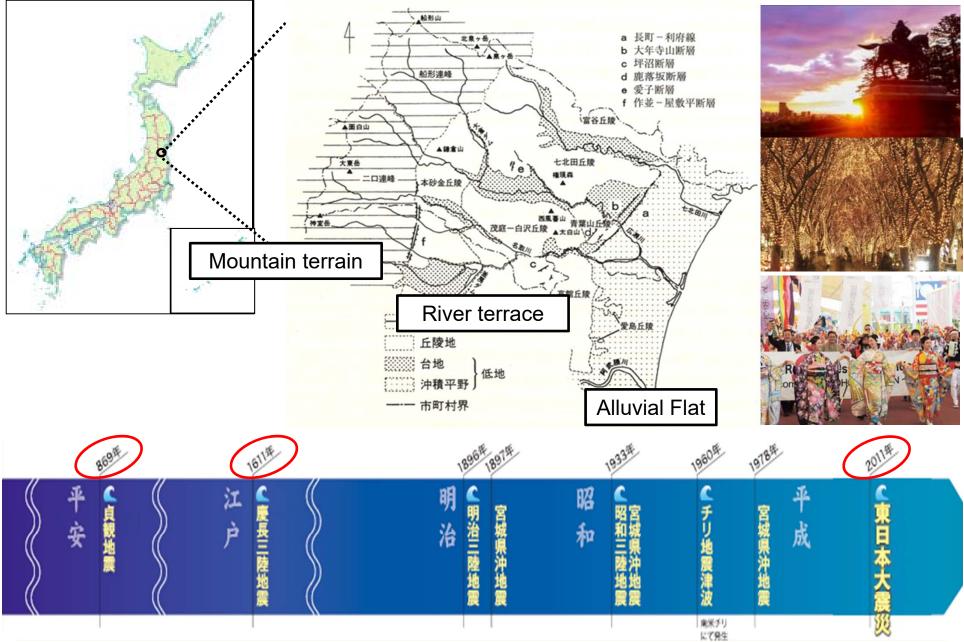


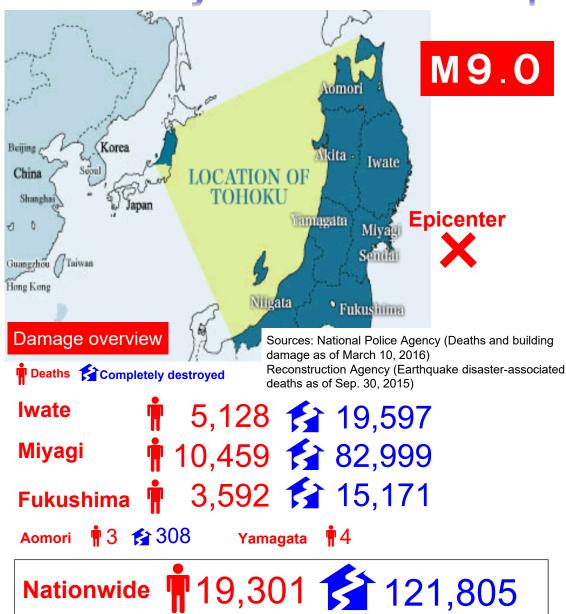
# Focus Area 3: Seismic Risk communication for Preparedness

Crisis Management Department Disaster Prevention Planning Section

## **SENDAI City Overview**



## Overview of damage caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake



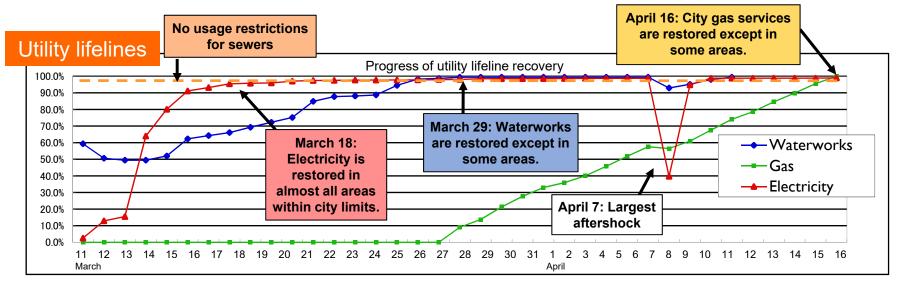


Miyako city, Iwate (Source: Fire and Disaster Management Agency, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications)

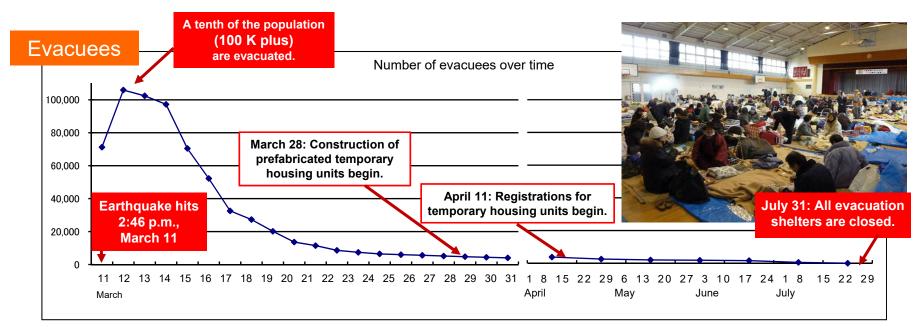


Sendai city's Minami-Gamo Wastewater Treatment Plant

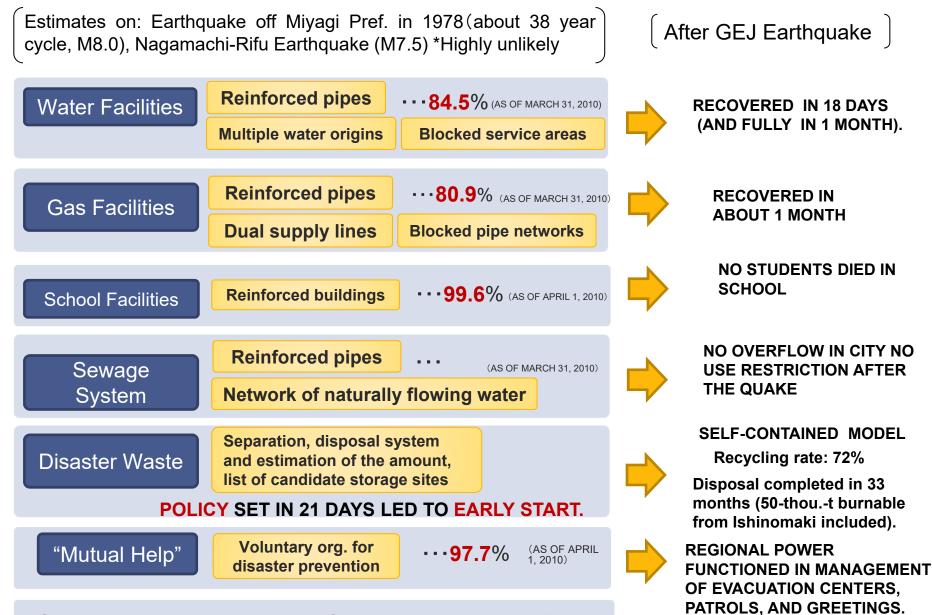
# Utility lifelines were shut down and a tenth of the population were forced to live in evacuation shelters.



Note: For electricity, the progress of restoration for all of Miyagi prefecture is shown.



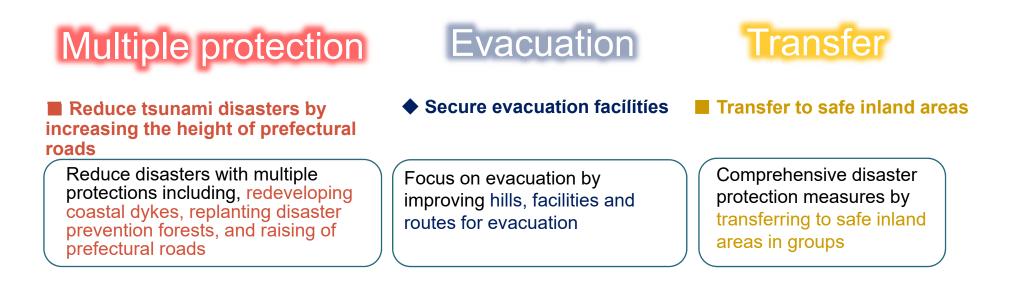
## Disaster Measures Before the Earthquake and Their Effects

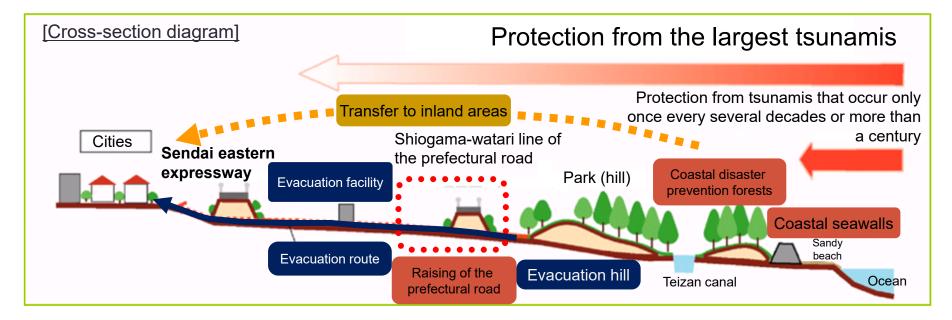


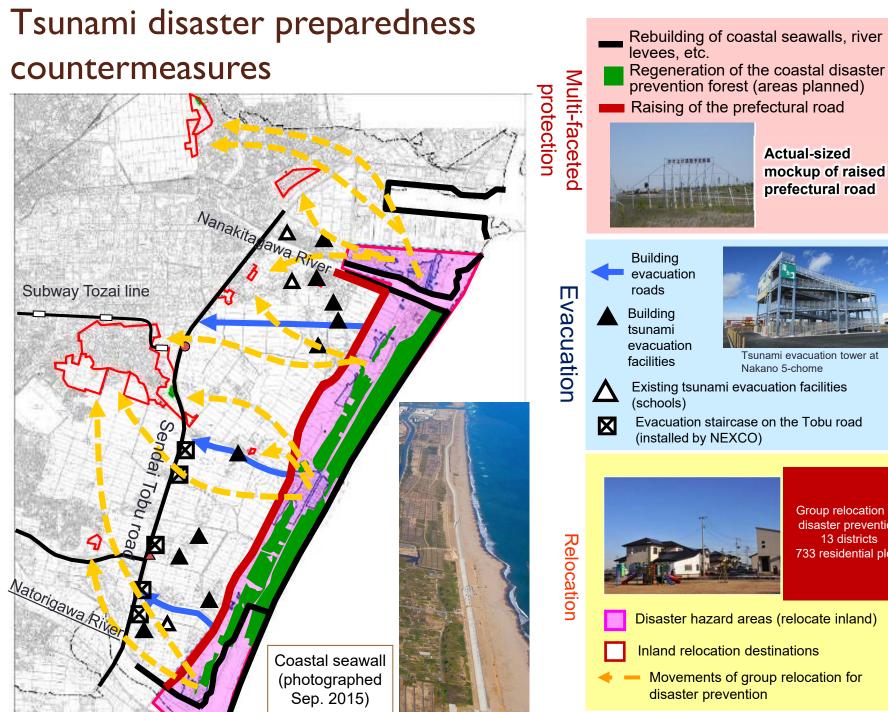
Others: stockpiles, supply system of goods established, and disaster prevention awareness campaigns and drills conducted for citizens.



## **Basic concepts for tsunami protection measures**







mockup of raised prefectural road



Tsunami evacuation tower at Nakano 5-chome

Existing tsunami evacuation facilities

Evacuation staircase on the Tobu road

Group relocation for disaster prevention 13 districts 733 residential plots

Disaster hazard areas (relocate inland)

Inland relocation destinations

Movements of group relocation for



## Transmit tsunami information to local residents

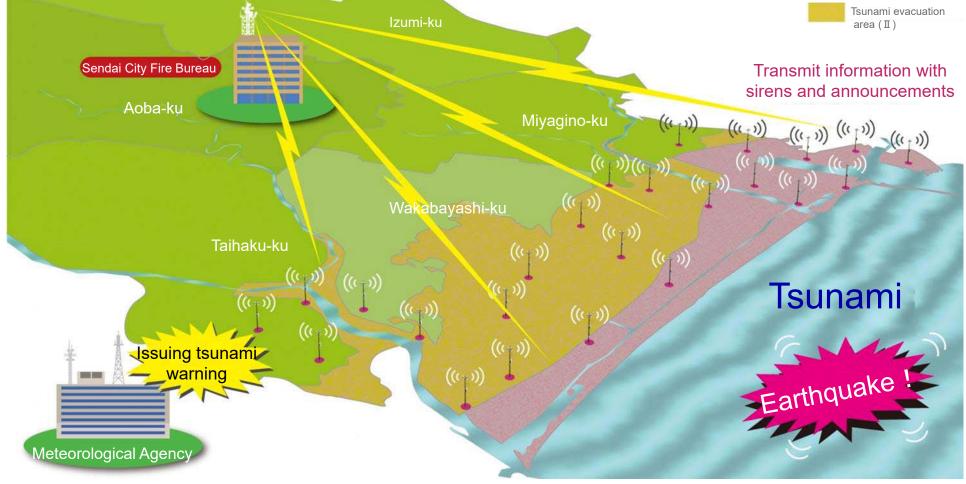
- Tsunami information Information on TV and radio communication system

• Fire helicopters

- E-mail
  Websites
  Twitter
  Emergency alert e-mail
- Fire (fire brigade) engines/vehicles
- Ward office publicity cars

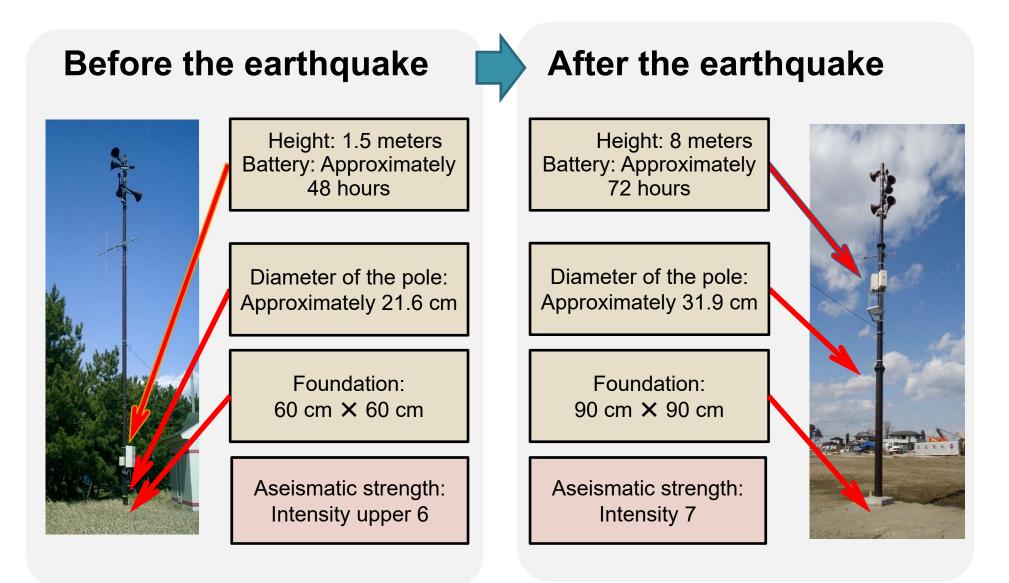
## Tsunami information communication system

- The master station of the disaster prevention administration radio system (fixed type) was established at the Sendai City Fire Bureau, which operates around the clock.
- When the meteorological agency issues a tsunami warning, by utilizing radio promptly and simultaneously, with sirens and announcements, transmit a tsunami warning, or evacuation information, from outdoor loudspeakers and house to house receivers set up in tsunami evacuation areas.

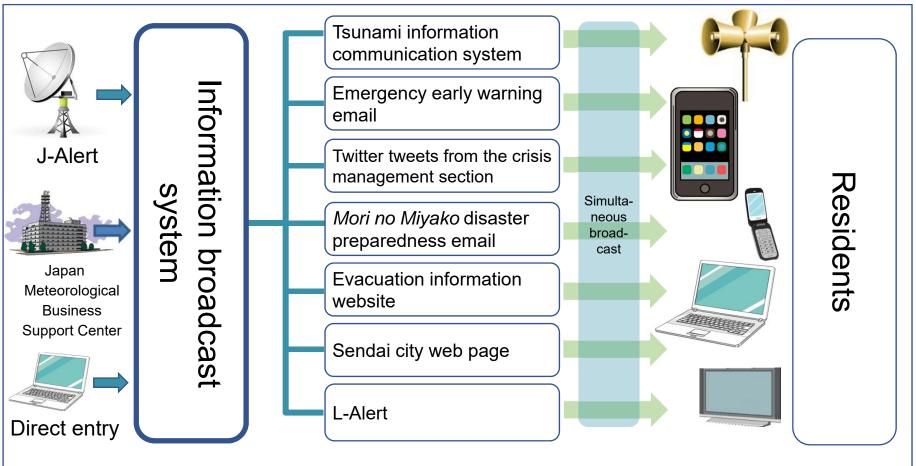


Enforcement of the tsunami information communication system (outdoor loudspeakers) to respond to disasters





# Better information dissemination to residents during disasters



 A disaster information broadcast system was built, Information broadcasting tools are centrally controlled to enable the quick, accurate broadcasting of information. References

## Tsunami evacuation facility (outline of a Tsunami Evacuation Tower)

#### O Outline of the facility

- Building construction: steel frame (two stories)
   Total area: 398 m<sup>2</sup>
   Capacity: 300
- Height from the ground: 6.6 meters (indoor evacuation space), 9.9 meters (roof floor evacuation space)
- Measures for tsunami: To counter liquefaction and the tsunami's power, drive a pile down 26.4 meters. Unshakable structure resistant to collisions from flotsam.

#### **O** Specifications of a Tsunami Evacuation Tower



## Countermeasures for nighttime power outages

To enable evacuations in the event of a nighttime power outage, a solar power generation pole is set on the roof floor, illuminating the steps, slope and the roof floor. In addition, a cassette gas generator and LED floodlight are stored.

#### Measures for evacuees in wheelchairs

Construct slopes for evacuees in wheelchairs to use.



#### Secure outside communication

The disaster prevention administration radio system is set to communicate with the disaster countermeasures office in Sendai city and others during evacuations.



#### Measures for cold weather or strong winds

Construct an evacuation space that is surrounded by outer walls and store blankets and cassette gas stoves.

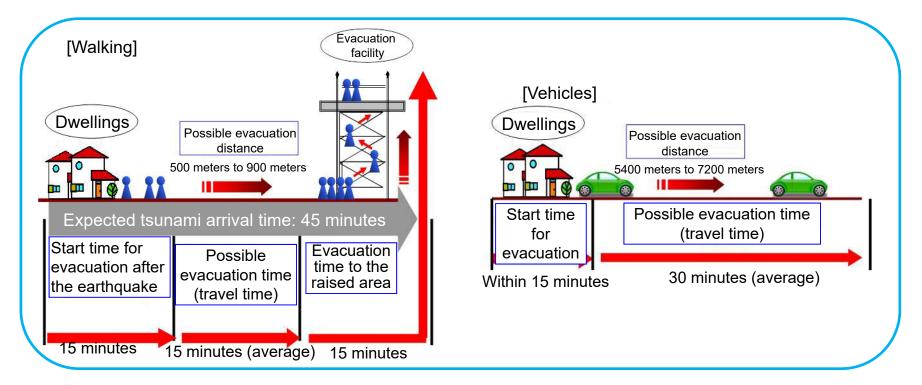


## Improve tsunami evacuation facilities (concepts for evacuation)

The review committee consisting of persons with relevant knowledge and experience, and local residents was established in FY 2012. Based on the evacuation simulations, study evacuation times, evacuation methods, evacuation facilities and evacuation roads

"Protect Yourself"

- 1) Start evacuations within 15 minutes and complete evacuations within 45 minutes (expected tsunami arrival time is approximately 45 minutes)
- 2) In principle, evacuate on foot (limit evacuations by vehicles)



## Facilities at the tsunami information communication system

Console in the master station



#### Outdoor loudspeaker



#### House to house receivers



According to the type of warnings such as a tsunami warning, this equipment can broadcast sirens, announcements, and text data (transmit characters) simultaneously.

Disaster prevention administration radio system in the master station



Manual control panel in the master station

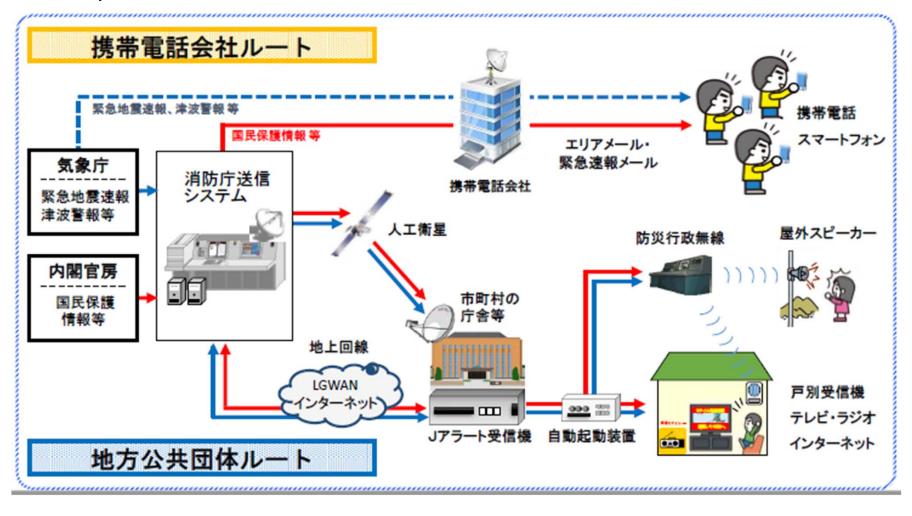


Maintenance record of outdoor<br/>loudspeakersCommencement of operations<br/>(April, 2004)FYMaintenance<br/>(units)In operation<br/>(units)2003363620051147

2005	11	47
2007	2	49
2009	1	50
2010	(Shut down of 38 units due to the Great East Japan Earthquake)	
2011	16	28
2012	40	68
2013	2	70
2014	6	76
2015	3	79

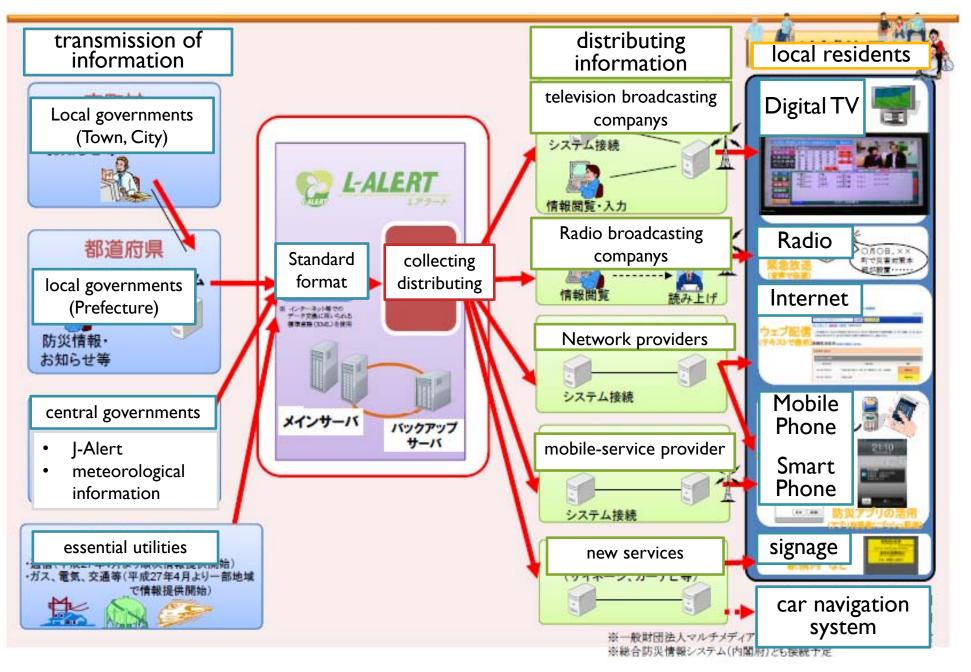
## What is a "J-ALERT"?

The National early warning system (J-ALERT) is a system that transmits highpriority emergency information, such as emergency earthquake information, tsunami information or even missile launch information, as soon as possible to the public.



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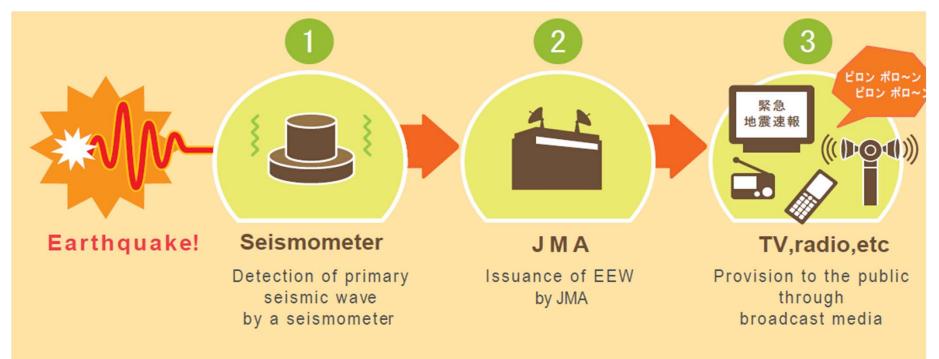
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## What is an "Earthquake Early Warning"?

The Earthquake Early Warning system provides advance announcement of the estimated seismic intensities and expected arrival time of principal motion. These estimations are based on prompt analysis of the focus and magnitude of the earthquake using wave form data observed by seismographs near the epicenter.

The Earthquake Early Warning is aimed at mitigating earthquake-related damage by allowing countermeasures such as promptly slowing down trains, controlling elevators to avoid danger and enabling people to quickly protect themselves in various environments such as factories, offices, houses and near cliffs.



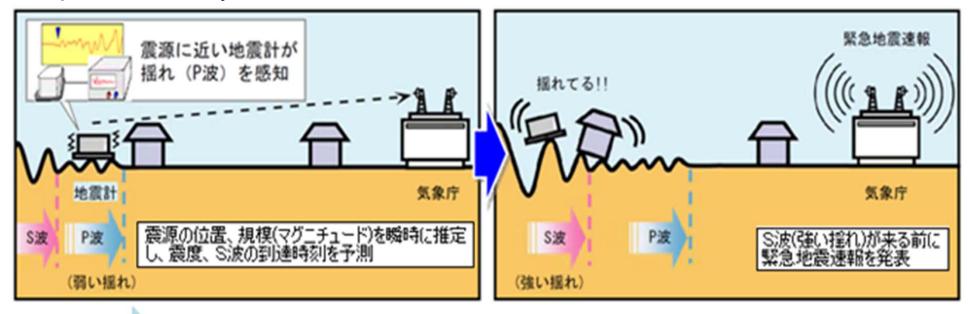
速度

P波:秒速約7km

S波:秒速約4km

Please note that the period between the Earthquake Early Warning and the arrival of strong tremors is very short, i.e. a matter of seconds (or between several seconds and a few tens of seconds). As a result, areas that are close to the focus of the earthquake may not receive the Earthquake Early Warning transmission before strong tremors hit.

Please also note that there are limits to the accuracy of the Earthquake Early Warning, such as the estimated seismic intensity. This is because the system is necessarily dependent on very short-term data.



## Examples of Response to an Earthquake Early Warning

## At Home

- Protect your head and shelter under a table
- Don't rush outside
- Don't worry about turning off the gas in the kitchen



## In Public Buildings

- Follow the attendant's instructions
- Don't rush to the exit



#### **On Buses or Trains**

 Hold on tight to a strap or a handrail



#### When Driving

- Don't slow down suddenly
- Turn on your hazard lights to alert other drivers, then slow down smoothly
- If you are still moving when you feel the earthquake, pull safely over to the left



## **Outdoors**

- Look out for collapsing concrete-block walls
- Be careful of falling signs and broken glass



### In Elevators

 Stop the elevator at the nearest floor and get off immediately



excerpt from Japan Meteorological Agency