# Actions to take in the event of an emergency

#### If there is a notification of an accident or other event:

Please pay close attention to the information provided by your city, town, village, and/or the Hokkaido Government, and calmly take action

- ☐ Get disaster information via emergency broadcasts on television or the radio, emergency email alerts, and the internet.
- ☐ Pay close attention to disaster information provided through such communication channels as the Central Disaster Management Radio. sound trucks, or the fishermen's radio.
- ☐ Share information with neighbors and members of your neighborhood association.
- ☐ Verify information, and try not to act based on rumors and speculation.
- $\square$  As much as possible, refrain from using phones except for

## If you are instructed to remain inside:

Please immediately get inside a building, such as a house, and remain inside

- ☐ Wash your hands and face immediately after sheltering inside.
- ☐ If necessary, wash your body by taking a shower or however you can.
- ☐ Close doors, windows and ventilation fans to prevent outside air from coming inside.
- ☐ Cover leftovers with a lid or plastic wrap. (It is safe to eat food that has been stored at home.)
- ☐ Prepare to evacuate. Prepare your valuables, extra sets of clothes, or other items you can carry.
- ☐ Stay calm and wait for further instructions and accurate information.



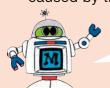
### If you are instructed to evacuate:

Please do not panic. Act calmly, and follow instructions provided by your city, town, village, and/or the Hokkaido Government

- ☐ Calmly and carefully listen to all the details of the instructions. Do not panic.
- ☐ Before evacuating, close gas valves, unplug electric outlets, etc. to prevent possible fires.
- ☐ In winter, make sure to turn off heaters and drain all water pipes before
- ☐ Make sure to wear things like masks and outer layers, and do not forget to take the belongings you prepared. (Make sure to bring any medicines you or a family member are currently taking.)
- ☐ Make sure to lock all doors and windows before leaving your house. ☐ Cooperate with your neighbors when evacuating. Talk to each other
- and help the elderly, those who are sick, and those with disabilities. (If you find it difficult to evacuate on your own, please contact your town hall or city hall.)

## How to respond to a combined disaster

In the event of a combined disaster (such as a nuclear disaster happening at the same time as a natural disaster like an earthquake, tsunami, or blizzard), if there is an imminent danger caused by the natural disaster, your first priority is to ensure your own safety.



#### How to respond to a combined disaster

In the event of a blizzard (when a blizzard warning or emergency warning on a blizzard is announced). prioritize sheltering indoors until the weather improves. If evacuation or other measures are required due to a nuclear disaster, they will be carried out after the weather improves and safety is confirmed.

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In accordance with applicable laws and national guidelines for nuclear disaster prevention, the Hokkaido government and the 13 municipalities located within 30km of the Tomari Nuclear Power Plant ("the power plant" or "Tomari NPP") are committed to nuclear emergency preparedness / response measures. This newsletter will provide readers with some key points on the nuclear emergency preparedness / response measures in Hokkaido.

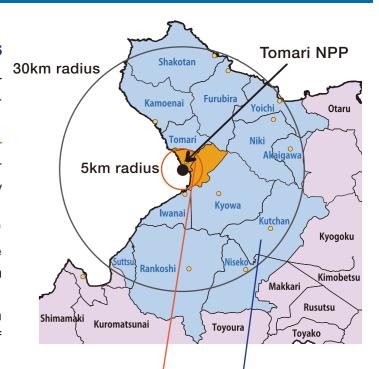
# **Nuclear Disaster Prevention Measures: Key Points**

# **Designation of Priority Zones for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness**

For streamlined actions to be taken in nuclear incidents, Japanese guidelines for nuclear emergency preparedness stipulate two exclusive zones, "within 5km of a nuclear power plant (PAZ)" and "within 5-30km of a nuclear power plant (UPZ)", in which nuclear emergency response measures are prioritized.

The 13 municipalities situated within the "PAZ" and "UPZ" have set preparedness/response plans for nuclear emergency in accordance with national guidelines.

When a nuclear-related incident occurs, each municipality will take protective measures of sheltering, evacuation, or temporary relocation.



#### **PAZ** (Precautionary Action Zone):

## Within the 5km radius around a nuclear power plant

Upon an incident, PAZ residents are required to evacuate precautionarily, prior to radioactive material release.

### **UPZ** (Urgent Protective Action Planning Zone):

#### Within the 5-30km radius around a nuclear power plant

Upon an incident, UPZ residents are required to take actions (including precautionary measures) in stages according to the severity of the incident, from sheltering to evacuation to temporary relocation.

Outside the UPZ: The area 30km or farther from a nuclear power plant

Depending on the state of the power plant, residents outside the UPZ may be instructed to shelter indoors by the Nuclear Regulation Authority.