

# Do you know a Civil Protection?

“the introduction of the  
Hirakata City Civil Protection Plan”

In compliance with the Civil Protection Law that took effect in  
September 2004, Hirakata City has prepared the  
Hirakata City Civil Protection Plan to protect lives,  
bodies and property of the residents from armed and  
large-scale terrorist attacks.

This brochure will give you a simple explanation for the  
Plan to let you understand a civil protection.

**Hirakata City**

## The Civil Protection Law is...

The Civil Protection Law, which took effect in September 2004, is formally called “the Law concerning the Measures for Protection of the People in Armed Attack Situations etc.” It stipulates the responsibilities of the national and local governments and the specific measures in order to protect lives, bodies, and property of the people from armed and large-scale terrorist attacks and to minimize the adverse effects inflicted upon people’s livelihoods etc. in armed attack situations etc.

## The Hirakata City Civil Protection Plan is...

With the enforcement of the Civil Protection Law, prefectural and municipal governments were obligated to draw up the Civil Protection Plan. This plan is designed for the city to take quick and appropriate action on the residents’ evacuation and relief with the cooperation of national, prefectural and municipal governments and the organizations concerned in the event of armed and large-scale terrorist attacks. Based on the Civil Protection Law, Hirakata City has established the Hirakata City Civil Protection Council and drew up the Civil Protection Plan in January 2007, taking this council’s and residents’ opinions into consideration.

## The main content of the Hirakata City Civil Protection Plan

### The opening message Introduction

Hirakata City’s fundamental stance and the importance of this plan are presented clearly. We have declared Hirakata City “a City of Peace and Nuclear-Freedom” and “a City of Human Rights”.

### Section 1 General Provisions

The nine basic policies for deciding on the plan are paraded as well as the purpose and target of this plan. Armed attack situation and emergency response situation are stated. Hirakata City’s geographical and social features are also stated, as we have to pay close attention to them in the event of an emergency response situation.

### Section 2 Coping with Armed Attack Situations

The establishment of Hirakata City’s initial response system is stated. The methods for transmitting warning and evacuation guidance for such people as the elderly and the disabled who need assistance in an emergency are also stated. Provisions of food and medicine, fire fighting and rescue operations are also stated.

### Section 3 Be Prepared

The agreement of cooperation with our neighboring cities, several implementation manuals for evacuation, shipping routes for emergency supplies, evacuation routes and enforcement of training in which residents participate are stated.

### Section 4 Recovery and Restoration

The restoration of the facilities, relief of rights and profits and compensation for losses and damage after disaster are stated.

## Basic Policies

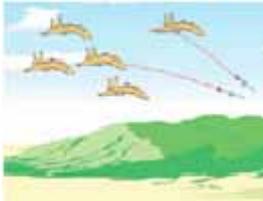
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Respect for basic human rights</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Quick relief of rights and profits of the people</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Provision of information for the people</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Ensuring cooperation and sharing information between related institutions</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Cooperation of the people</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Respecting autonomy of designated public institutions and giving them special consideration</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Considering the elderly, the disabled and foreigners Implementation of the International Humanitarian Law.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Ensuring the safety of staff engaged in civil protection measures</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Making efficient use of the Regional Disaster Prevention Plan</p>

## Examples of Emergency Response Situations and Types of Armed Attack Situations

### Emergency Response Situations

Bombing of petroleum refinery complex etc.	Bombing of railroad, terminal, train, etc.	Massive sprinkle of sarin gas, anthrax bacteria, etc.	Suicide bombing by aircraft etc.
			

### Armed Attack Situations

Landing invasion	Attack by guerrillas or special operation forces	Ballistic missile attack	Aerial attack
			

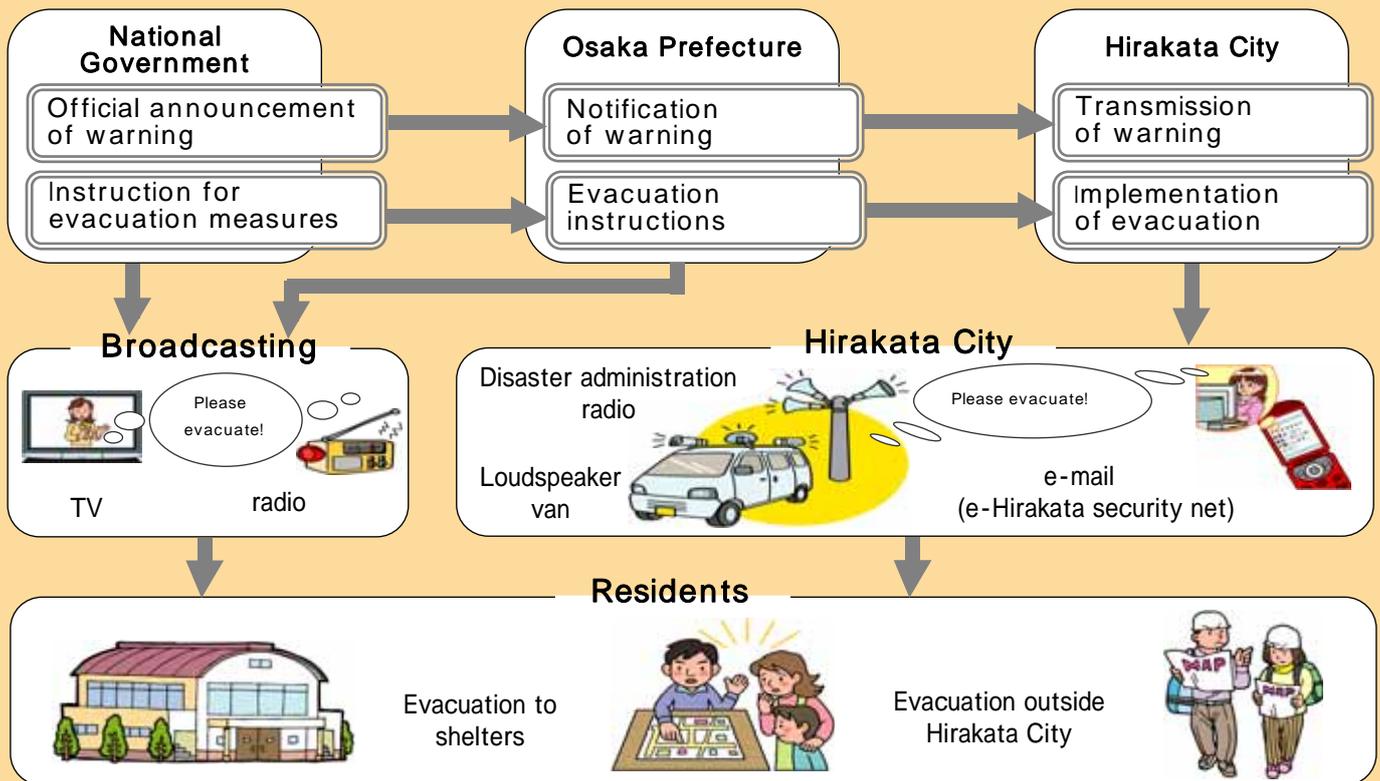
# The content of the Civil Protection Measures

## 1 Evacuation



National Government will issue a warning and give instructions for evacuation to protect lives, bodies and property of the general public from armed and large-scale terrorist attacks.

The content of warnings will be transmitted to all of you via disaster administration radio, loudspeaker van, general e-mail on the mobile phone (e-Hirakata security net), FM Hirakata and cable television(K-CAT).



## 2 Rescue operations

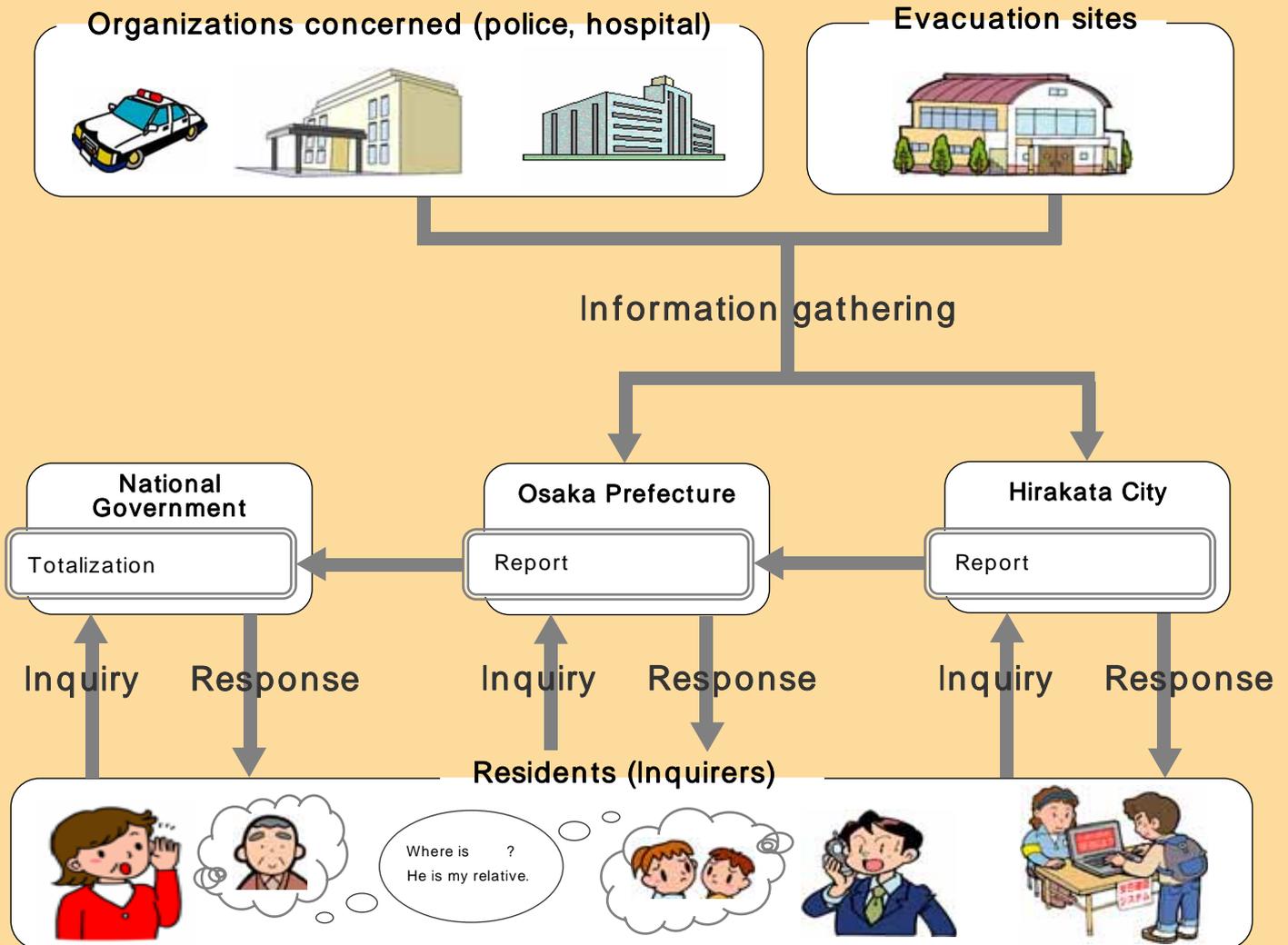
Hirakata City will set up evacuation sites, offer health services, and provide food and water with the cooperation of Osaka Prefecture and the organizations concerned.



# The content of the Civil Protection Measures

## 3 Collection and provision of safety information

In response to residents' inquiries, Hirakata City will collect and provide information on missing people and those who are separated from their families at evacuation sites.



## 4 Minimization of damage

Hirakata City will take a step to minimize the damage caused by armed and terrorist attacks with the cooperation of Osaka Prefecture and the organizations concerned.



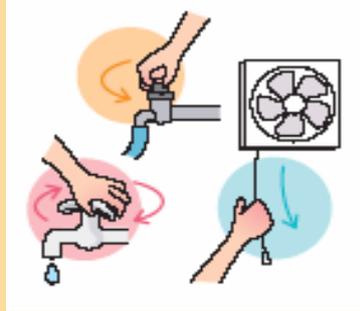
# To protect yourself in an emergency

When the warning is issued,

Evacuate as soon as possible.

## 1 Look to your own safety

If you are inside



Close all doors and windows. Turn off the gas, ventilation fans and taps. Stay away from doors, walls and windows.

If you are outside



Take a shelter inside solidly constructed buildings and underground shopping malls.

## 2 Collect information

Give careful attention to warning siren, TV and radio broadcasts for information about the situation.



## 3 Stay calm

Appropriate directions for the routes and ways to evacuate will be provided. Stay calm and follow those directions. Lock up the doors and take emergency kit items with you.



The content of warning will be transmitted to residents and related public and private bodies via disaster administration radio, loudspeaker van and general e-mail on the mobile phone (e-Hirakata security net). We will ask FM Hirakata and cable TV(K-CAT) for an emergency broadcast.

About transmission of warning, implementation of evacuation and rescue operation, we will pay close attention to such people as the aged, the handicapped and foreigners who need assistance in case of emergency.

## In case of emergency, what shall we do?

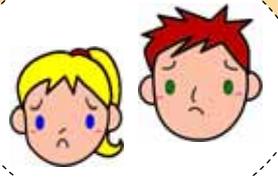
**Q 1** What will Hirakata City do in armed and terrorist attack situations?

**A 1** We will establish a task force to carry out the protection measures such as residents' evacuation (transmission of warning, evacuation guidance, etc.), evacuee relief (provision of food, medicine, etc.) and response to armed attack disasters (fire fighting, rescue operation, establishment of danger zones, etc.) with the cooperation of related organizations.



**Q 2** Who will be protected under the Civil Protection Plan?

**A 2** In addition to all residents of Hirakata City, commuters who are working or studying in Hirakata City, tourists or refugees from other cities are also protected regardless of nationality.



The Geneva Convention stipulates the protection of residents who are vulnerable under international conflicts and the humanitarian treatment for the wounded and the dead caused by international conflicts.

**Q 3** Do residents have to assist with anything?

Are residents forced to do anything or are residents' rights violated?

**A 3** Residents' assistance for evacuation guidance, rescue operations, firefighting and transfer of victim are left to your voluntary wishes. We will not force you to cooperate with us. Your security will be fully considered when we ask for your cooperation.



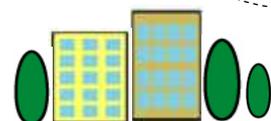
**Q 4** When we are separated from families and friends, what shall we do?

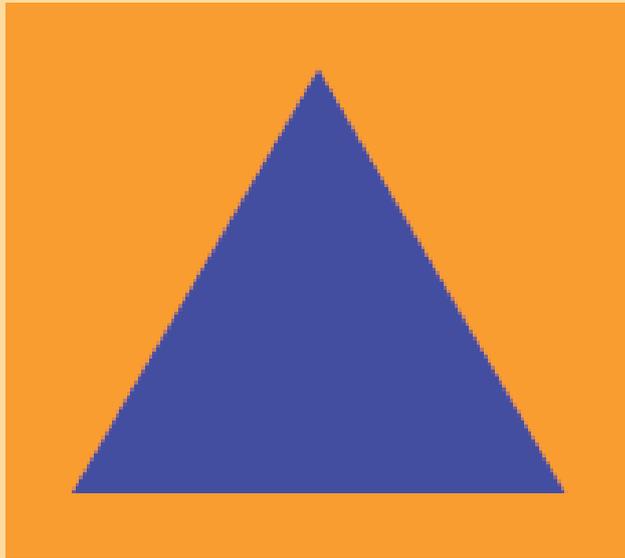
**A 4** Hirakata City will provide information on the safety of affected people with the cooperation of related organizations. As for information gathering, we will respect the said person's will and privacy. In addition, we will care about the protection of personal data and respond to your request immediately.



**Q 5** What will Hirakata City prepare against emergencies?

**A 5** Develop organizations, systems and standard to summon personnel.  
Establish systems that are available for 24hours.  
Store goods and materials.  
Step up crisis management of vital utilities, railways, etc.  
Enforce the training for the civil protection.





This is the exclusively international symbol for organizations, personnel, building, evacuation sites and supplies involved in civil protection. This symbol is established in the first additional protocol of the Geneva Convention.

## Reading Section for the Hirakata City Civil Protection Plan

Libraries      Lifelong Learning Centers      Branches      The Youth Centers  
Education and Culture Centers      Service Area at Hirakata Station  
The City Administration Materials Room  
The Hirakata City Website      <http://www.city.hirakata.osaka.jp>

## Detailed Information on the Civil Protection System

Cabinet Secretarial Civil Protection Portal Site      <http://www.kokuminhogo.go.jp>  
The Fire and Disaster Management Agency      <http://www.fdma.go.jp>  
Osaka      <http://www.pref.osaka.jp>



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