



Information on fires:

1. Fires often occur as a result of carelessness during daily activities. In order to prevent fires, be careful of the following:
 - 1 . Tobacco is a common cause of fires. Don't smoke while in a bed or futon.
 - 2 . Don't leave things next to the stove or heaters.
 - 3 . When cooking, don't leave the stove.
 - 4 . Make sure to install a smoke detector in your home to alert you in the event of a fire.
2. In the event of a fire, stay calm and take the following steps.
 - 1 . Shout “fire” and “*火事だ/kaji da*” in Japanese, in a loud voice to alert those around you.
 - 2 . Contact the fire department by dialing 119, and report the fire by saying “*火事です /kaji desu*”
 - 3 . If the fire is small, try to put it out with a fire extinguisher, or by smothering it with a pillow.
 - 4 . If it is a large fire, get to a safe location immediately. If there is smoke, stay low to the floor and cover your mouth and nose with a damp towel.

When cold weather arrives, the air becomes dry and creates conditions for fires to break out easily. Additionally, this risk increases when people start using electric and gas heaters. Be careful when using these appliances, and never handle fire carelessly.