



Yorimawari Waves

During the winter in Toyama Prefecture, high “*yorimawari* waves” often come along the shore. Sometimes these high waves go over concrete walls and can destroy roads or houses.

Yorimawari waves sometimes come suddenly after the wind becomes calm. They are very dangerous, so people near the shore should be careful. To avoid harm, make a habit of listening to weather reports on television or the radio.

In areas close to the ocean, announcements about *yorimawari* waves are made via public offices such as city hall, local cable TV, and the radio.

- If a storm surge advisory (“*kouchou chuuihou*” in Japanese) is issued, get away from the ocean.
- If an evacuation order for the elderly, or a “*koureishatou hinan*,” is issued, the elderly should begin evacuating.
- Additionally, if an evacuation order, called a “*hinanshiji*”, is issued, go to the evacuation area designated by your city hall.
- When an emergency warning to secure your safety, or “*kinkyu anzen kakuho*” is issued, do not go outside to evacuate, but stay inside your house and ensure you are safe.
- If you do not understand Japanese, ask people around you to confirm the situation.

In order to protect yourself and your family, it is important to be aware of what kind of disasters may occur in your area, and pay attention to warnings.