

DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

in case of a major earthquake (lower 6 or higher on the JMA scale)

— Requests from the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department (TMPD) —

Don't Drive, Unless It is Absolutely Necessary, Even If the Shaking Has Stopped

How to Respond While Driving

1. Don't turn the steering wheel or hit the brake suddenly. Drive as safely as possible. Pull to the left side of the road.
2. Listen to the car radio or other sources, after pulling over the vehicle, for updates on the earthquake or traffic information. Size up the situation and act accordingly.
3. Follow, when you're on an expressway, instructions given by a traffic information bulletin board or by police officers.
4. Beware of cracks or obstructions in the roads or of failed traffic signals when you must keep driving. Move away from the road immediately if you're driving on a road in the area surrounded by the Kannana-dori Ave.
5. Especially, right after the shaking, seven routes (e.g., expressways; Route #4; Route #17, Hakusan-dori Ave.; Route #20; Route #246; Mejiro-dori Ave, Shin-mejiro-dori Ave.; and Sotobori-dori Ave.) will be restricted for authorized emergency vehicles only, e.g., fire engines, police cars, or Self-Defense Forces vehicles. For this reason, please drive away immediately and keep the routes clear for such emergency vehicles.
6. Avoid driving from the Kannana-dori Ave. into central Tokyo.
7. Don't drive, unless it's absolutely necessary, once you've reached your destination.

In Case of a Major Earthquake, Police will Restrict the Traffic in Two Stages to Save Lives or to Firefight

FIRST STAGE RESTRICTION

1. Traffic from the Kannana-dori Ave. to central Tokyo will be banned, but you can use the Kannana-dori Ave. to make a detour.
2. The following routes will be restricted for Authorized Emergency Vehicles only, e.g., fire engines, police cars, or Self-Defense Forces vehicles.

SEVEN ROUTES FOR AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Expressways; Route #4; Route #17, Hakusan-dori Ave.; Route #20, Route #246; Mejiro-dori Ave., Shin-mejiro-dori Ave. and Sotobori-dori Ave.

SECOND STAGE RESTRICTION

1. Depending on a state of disaster, we'll designate, if necessary, the following routes as the "Emergency Access Roads" to secure the passage of vehicles for a post-disaster recovery.
2. The "Emergency Access Roads" are for Authorized Emergency Vehicles only (provided, however, with an official sticker attached as stipulated in the Emergency Vehicles and Disaster Countermeasures Basic Act) to get engaged in emergency disaster control activities.

THIRTY-FIVE ROUTES TO BE DESIGNATED AS EMERGENCY ACCESS ROADS

The aforementioned "SEVEN ROUTES FOR AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES", plus thirty-five other routes including: Route #1; Route #6; Route #14; Route #15; Shin-omiya Bypass; Kitahon-dori Ave.; Route #254; Route #357; Nakahara-kaido Ave.; Ome-kaido Ave, Shin-ome-kaido Ave.; Inokashira-dori Ave., Itsukaichi-kaido Ave., Mutsumibashi-dori Ave.; Meguro-dori Ave.; Kuramaebashi-dori Ave.; Route #16; Route #20; Route #139; Yamato-Atsugi Bypass; Inagi-ohashi-dori Ave.; Tohachi-doro Ave.; Koganei-kaido Ave.; Fuchu-kaido Ave., Shiki-kaido Ave.; Kamakura-kaido Ave.; Kawasaki-kaido Ave.; Shin-okutama-kaido Ave.; Imokubo-kaido Ave.; Machida-kaido Ave.; Machida-Atsugi Line; Hachioji-Musashi-Murayama Line; Mitaka-dori Ave.; Chuo-Nanboku Line; Tama New Town-dori Ave.; Shin-takiyama-kaido Ave., Takiyama-kaido Ave., Yoshino-kaido Ave.; Kitano-kaido Ave., Shin-koganei-kaido Ave., and TMG-administered #256 (Koshu-kaido Ave.)