

④ MESSAGE FROM SHINAGAWA FIRE STATION

We call September 1 “the Disaster Preparedness Day,” and also call the week from August 30 (Thu.) to September 5 (Wed.) “the Disaster Preparedness Week.”

The Disaster Preparedness Day...Why September 1? The Great Kanto Earthquake broke out on September 1, 1923. In addition, Japan would be so often hit by typhoons in and around September in those days.

Then September 1 was given the name “Disaster Preparedness Day”—the day for people to renew their life safety awareness with actual disasters (*ex.*, earthquakes, typhoons, etc.) in mind.

On May 24, 1983, the Central Disaster Preparedness Council decided on the week from August 30 to September 5 as the Disaster Preparedness Week—a week for Japan to hold life safety events nationwide.

Get together and think about a safer tomorrow at home and at work!

● Are Your Articles Safe from Quakes?

In recent earthquakes, 30 to 50 percent of injuries were caused by furniture. Specifically, a major quake might make furniture pieces fall and block the exits. A quake might also shake a bookshelf down onto a heater, making books catch fire. Articles might move and attack you across the floor in a big quake on the upper floors of a high-rise building, where you have larger, longer shakes.

Keep furniture in place!