

Crime and Disaster Prevention

1. Crime Prevention

International house operates on a system of mutual trust among residents. However, even in such an environment, theft and intrusion by suspicious individuals can happen. Please bear the following points in mind.

- Residents should take care of their personal belongings (money, valuables, etc.) to protect against theft.
- For security reasons, always lock room doors and windows when going out, even for a short time (e.g., to take bath), and when sleeping.
- Any suspicious activity, theft or other incidents should be reported immediately to Office.

2. Fire

2-1. Causes of Fire

To prevent fire at International House I, please observe the following rules:

Smoking

- Smoke only in the designated area.
(Please follow the rules and consider others when smoking.)
- All rooms at Kaikan I are non-smoking.

Stoves

- Do not leave the stoves unattended.
- Be careful that oil does not overheat
(spontaneous ignition can occur at 370°C).
- Do not put flammable items close to stoves.

IH Cooking Heater (International House II)

- Turn off the IH stove whenever you step away while cooking.
- If you see smoke coming from the oil in the pan, turn off the stove immediately.
(Continuing to heat it may cause a fire.)
- Do not place any flammable items on or around the IH heater. (This may cause a fire.)

2-2. Fire Preparedness

Please observe the following fire guidelines:

- Do not place items that may hinder evacuation in hallways.
- Check fire extinguisher locations (see separate sheet) and instructions.

Fire extinguishers

They are installed in the hallways on each floor (effective for wood, oil, and electrical fires).

[International House I] 1st floor: 8 units / 2nd–4th floors: 6 units each

[International House II] 1st floor: 3 units / 2nd–3rd floors: 1 unit each

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◆ How to use

- Pull out the yellow safety pin.
- Hold the tip of the hose and point it at the base of the fire.
- Strongly grip the lever to activate.

(Reach: 3 – 6 m; activation time: 15 sec.)

Evacuation balcony

In an emergency, you can break the partition panel and evacuate to the neighboring room.

[\[International House I\] All rooms](#)

[\[International House II\] Rooms 106, 107, 203, 204, 303, 304](#)

2-3. In the event of a fire

Alert others

- Shout to alert others first, then contact the International Student Office.
- Contact the Disaster Prevention Center during nighttime hours and on holidays.

Initial efforts

Try to extinguish the fire before it spreads if it is safe to do so.

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- Use water.

Water is effective for extinguishing small fires.

However, water should not be used for oil fires that occur while deep-frying food. Turn off the stove and cover the pan with a large wet towel to extinguish the fire.

- Use a fire extinguisher.

Be sure to secure an evacuation route when tackling a fire.

Evacuate

- It is difficult to fight a fire once it spreads to the ceiling.

In such cases, evacuate immediately and contact Office (or the Disaster Prevention Center during nighttime hours and on holidays). Please also call 119.

- Use the shortest routes possible and evacuate via emergency exits using the building's three stairways.

- If there is heavy smoke, cover your mouth with a wet towel.

2-4. In the event of a fire alarm (The fire detection lamp in each room will be activated.)

- Check for fire and smoke in hallways

It can be difficult to tell where the sound of an alarm is coming from. Exit the room and check for fire and smoke in hallways nearby. If there is a fire, try to extinguish it if possible.

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3. Earthquakes

If an earthquake occurs, it is essential to protect yourself. Stay calm and act with the following points in mind when shaking starts:

Protect yourself

Protect your head

- Pay attention to falling objects. Protect yourself with cushions or other items around you.

Secure an evacuation route

- Doors and windows may not open due to quake-related building distortion. Open room and entrance doors to secure an evacuation route.

Do not rush outside

- Strong shaking is likely to stop within one minute.
- Pay attention to falling objects such as broken glass.

Turn off heat sources immediately

- Turn off stoves, heaters and other fuel-burning devices even in small earthquakes.
- Put out cigarettes.

Shut off valve, turn off circuit breaker

- Shut off the gas main valve and turn off the circuit breaker.

If fire breaks out

- Shout to alert others of fire and try to extinguish flames while they are still small using a fire extinguisher or water.

Collect trustworthy information

- Gather trustworthy information from Social Media such as “NHK WORLD Japan” and act calmly.

<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/>

4. Wind and Water Damage

- Ensure that windows are locked in typhoon conditions.
- Gather trustworthy information from Social Media such as “NHK WORLD Japan”