

What is the Civil Protection Law?

The Civil Protection Law is formally called "the Law concerning the Measures for Protection of the People in Armed Attack Situations etc." It stipulates the responsibilities of the national and local governments and measures, such as evacuation, relief, and response to armed attack disaster in order to protect the lives, bodies, and property of the people from armed attacks and minimize the adverse effects inflicted upon people's livelihoods etc. in armed attack situations etc.

Points

- Aimed at protecting the lives, bodies, and property of the people in armed attack situations etc.
- Specifies the responsibilities and roles of the national government, local governments, and designated public institutions etc. in armed attack situations etc. so that the whole nation can adequately cope with these situations under the policy of the national government.
- Stipulates in specific terms measures related to evacuation of residents, measures related to relief of evacuated residents etc., and measures related to response to armed attack disaster.
- In emergency response situations, measures equivalent to the civil protection measures in armed attack situations etc. (emergency response protection measures) shall be implemented.
- When implementing civil protection measures, the people's fundamental human rights shall be respected.

The "Basic Guidelines for Protection of the People" based on Article 32 of the Civil Protection Law describe types of anticipated armed attack situations, measures to be taken in accordance with the type of armed attack situations, such as evacuation, relief, or response to armed attack disaster, and examples of armed attack situations as well as basic policies related to the implementation of civil protection measures.