

Toshima Safe Community



Name of the Community: **Toshima City**

Country: **Japan**

Number of inhabitants: **269,328 (Nov.1.2012)**

Program started year: **2010**

International Safe Communities Network Membership: **Designation year: 2012**

Name of the Certifying Centre: **Center for Community Safety Promotion (Korea)**

Info the Program: <http://www.city.toshima.lg.jp/index.html>

Full Application report: <http://www.ki.se/csp/pdf/applicationreports/296toshima.pdf>
[http://www.city.toshima.lg.jp/dbps_data/material/files/000/000/026/525/SCapplicati
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The program covers the following safety promotion activities:

For the age group

Children 0-14 year:

Home:

- Health education for guardians
- Diffusion and enlightenment of injury prevention at home by using the children's accident prevention center
- Implementation of the nurturing project of the human resources to support the parenting in the local area
- Diagnosis of earthquake-resisting capacity and promotion of renovation etc.
- Inspection of old decaying fences and promotion of improvement
- Promotion to keep the furniture and the like from falling

Traffic:

- Scared-straight classes
- New installation and modification of traffic signs and road markings
- Enlightenment of activities on roads and providing traffic safety classes
- Diffusion and enlightenment of the bicycle helmets for children
- Creating maps for traffic safety findings
- Providing bicycle safety classes
- Watch-over activities in local areas

School:

- Group walk to/from school attended by PTA's (Walking school bus)
- Distributing of the alarm buzzers to the elementary school children
- Students centered activities by initiatives of the Safe School Committee
- Creating safety education curriculums
- Promoting the mental education
- Implementation of inspection and correction from the preventive point of view
- Implementation of the safety education programs for children

Sports/Leisure:

- Sport accident prevention seminar
- Training classes for Aiki-do coaches

- Increase in dispatch of instructors to Junior Sports clubs
- Sports Injury Prevention classes

Youth 15-24 years:

Home:

- Emergency alert system for the severely Health education for physically disabled
- The aid for house reforms to support the physically disabled person to live on their own
- Diagnosis of earthquake-resisting capacity and promotion of renovation etc.
- Inspection of old decaying fences and promotion of improvement
- Promotion to keep the furniture and the like from falling

Traffic:

- Traffic safety seminars (and driver's seminars)
- New installation and modification of traffic signs and road markings
- Enlightenment of activities on roads and providing traffic safety classes
- Creating maps for traffic safety findings
- On-street inspection to report on the point of view of the physically disabled
- Barrier-free reforms focused on the Ikebukuro Station district
- Voice road guide service
- Training classes to support the disabled

Sports/Leisure:

- Acquisition of safety-related certificates by the sport facility personnel

Adult 15-24 years:

Home:

- Emergency alert system for the severely Health education for physically disabled
- The aid for house reforms to support the physically disabled person to live on their own
- Diagnosis of earthquake-resisting capacity and promotion of renovation etc.
- Inspection of old decaying fences and promotion of improvement
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Work place:

- Nation Safety Week/ Occupational Hygiene Week project

Sports/Leisure:

- Acquisition of safety-related certificates by the sport facility personnel

Senior 65+ years

Home:

- Friendly watching over activities
- The exercise program to prevent fall
- The program to reconfirm the risk of fall at home
- The aid for house reforms to support the seniors to live on their own
- Diagnosis of earthquake-resisting capacity and promotion of renovation etc.
- Inspection of old decaying fences and promotion of improvement
- Promotion to keep the furniture and the like from falling

Traffic:

- Walking seminars
- Traffic safety seminars (and driver's seminars)
- New installation and modification of traffic signs and road markings
- Enlightenment of activities on roads and providing traffic safety classes
- Creating maps for traffic safety findings
- Barrier-free reforms focused on the Ikebukuro Station district

Sports/Leisure:

- Warking seminars
- Wu (Hao)-style Tai Chi healthy physically and mentally by Bujutsu
- Acquisition of safety-related certificates by the sport facility personnel

Natural Disaster

- General/joint disaster prevention drill
- "leaving no one behind during disaster project" by local welfare/children commissioner
- Development of the disaster-proof community
- Expanding narrow alleys and streets
- Diagnosis of earthquake-resisting capacity and promotion of renovation etc.
- Inspection of old decaying fences and promotion of improvement
- Promotion to keep the furniture and the like from falling
- Initial action drills and enrichment of the materials and equipment
- Creating evacuation support plans for the seniors etc.
- Announcement and enlightenment of action rules
- Embodiment of the measures for the people who might have difficulty in going back home

Violence prevention

- Distributing of the alarm buzzers to the elementary school children
- Safety/security mail
- Special management project for senile dementia and maltreatment
- Temporary protection project for mothers, children, etc.
- Support for enhancement of the parenting ability of parents
- Consultation at the Children and Household Support Center
- Hello-baby project
- Watch-over services by the abuse prevention network
- Lectures for relevant organizations and city citizens
- Consultation about DV
- Prevention and enlightenment of DV and Dating abuse
- Enlightenment of gender-equal society
- Promotion of the understanding by the DV-handling personnel

Suicide prevention

- Phone consultation for children
- Mental health welfare consultation
- Project for the unsocialized and depression
- Publication of the consultation desk and close linkage with such consultation services
- Training of gatekeepers
- Support for the medical examination of depression etc. (the patients yet to be treated or yet to resume treatment)
- Mental health promotion for the youth
- Support for persons having attempted suicide

Program aiming at “High risk groups”

Physically Disabled

- Emergency alert system for the severely Health education for physically disabled
- Construction of platform door at railroad stations
- Compilation of incident reports
- “leaving no one behind during disaster project” by local welfare/children commissioner
- On-street inspection to report on the point of view of the physically disabled
- Barrier-free reforms focused on the Ikebukuro Station district
- Voice road guide service
- Training classes to support the disabled

Commercial and entertainment district (downtown)

- Installation of security cameras
- Environment clean-up patrol activities
- Measures for preventing graffiti
- Countermeasures for throwing chewing gum and cigarettes

Low Income family/ Homeless people

- Welfare benefits
- Job assistance to residents living on welfare benefit
- Safety life support program for welfare recipient
- Independence support system for homeless people

Foreign residents

- Publish and distribution of pamphlets in foreign languages
- Website in foreign languages
- Volunteer translation

Surveillance of injuries

Future plan of sustainable injury surveillance/data collection

Data sources	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
(1) Official statistics							
Vital statistics	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Statistics on solitary death (“Kodokushi”)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Police statistics	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Industrial Accidents Statistics	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
National Health Insurance data	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
(2) EMS data							
EMS data	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
(3) Hospital/clinic-based and school-based injury surveillance							
Primary school-based injury surveillance	/	●	●	●	●	●	●
School insurance-based injury surveillance	/	●	●	●	●	●	●
Nursery school-based injury surveillance	/	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hospital/clinic-based injury surveillance	/	●	To be planed after a pilot phase				
(4) Questionnaire survey							
Questionnaire survey among residents	●			●			●
Questionnaire survey among the elderly	●			●			●
Questionnaire survey among children	●			●			●
Questionnaire survey among people with disabilities	●			●			●

Emergency medical services (EMS) records

EMS records mainly cover pre-hospital information collected by EMS personnel who are dispatched to the scene of an injury. Included in EMS records are all persons transported to health facilities by EMS. Injury surveillance using EMS records would be sustainable as EMS records are routinely collected and available at no cost.

EMS records on injuries in 2010

Mechanism of injuries	n	%
Total	4,581	100.0%
General injuries	2,802	61.2%
(Falls among general injuries)	(1,937)	(42.3%)
Traffic injuries	1,145	25.0%
Sports injuries	100	2.2%
Occupational injuries	97	2.1%
Fire-related injuries	26	0.6%
Water-related injuries	10	0.2%
Natural disasters	1	0.0%
Self-inflicted injuries	132	2.9%
Violence	268	5.9%

Population base: **269,328 (Nov.1.2012)**

Started year: **2010**

Staff

Number:3

Professions: City Office worker

Full-time

Permanent: 2

Temporary: 1

Organization:

Safe Community Section, Toshima City

Specific intersectional leadership group:

Toshima City Safe Community Steering Committee

General public health/health promotion group:

Toshima Safe Community Injury Surveillance Committee

International commitments



Study visits

Participation in the SC traveling study tour and 2011 SC development conference
[Taiwan] (Apr.201)

Study visit to SC designated city [Falun Sweden, Bergen Norway] (Sep.2011)

Participation in Safe Community Conference

Participation in "19th International Conference on Safe Communities" and presentation
with the poster [in Suwon, Korea] (Mar.2010)

Participation in "20th International Conference on Safe Communities" and presentation
[in Falun, Sweden] (Sep.2011)

Hosting Safe Community Conference:

Hosting the 6th Asian Regional Conference on Safe Communities in Toshima (Co-host
with Minowa Town and Komoro City) in Nov.28-30 2012

Hosting "Travelling Seminars"

Hosting the traveling seminar in conjunction with the 6th Asian Regional Conference on
Safe Communities in Toshima (Minowa Town and Komoro City)