# Preventing furniture from moving and falling



In the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, more than 80% of those who died were crushed by homes that collapsed or furniture that tipped over. Check and practice the following points immediately to secure your home.

### Estimated Damage from a Tokyo-Epicentered Major Earthquake(the largest)



Many wooden buildings with low earth-quake resistance will lean over or collapse.

Sources : the website for Meteorological Agency



Indoor damage from the Niigataken Chuetsu-oki Earthquake in 2007

# **Stabilizing Devices**

#### Anti-slip sheets (pad type)

situation



Insert the wedge beneath the front of the piece of furniture and lean it toward the wall.

Tension rods and pole devices



Place bars on both sides of furniture edges. Ceiling must be strong enough to keep furniture standing.

The stability of devices

#### Detachable furniture safety straps/L-brackets



In order to secure furniture to a wall with Lbrackets, the wall must be strong enough to support the added weight. If it is difficult to secure furniture by yourself, please seek professional advice.





## Installing stabilizing devices for free

The city has a program to subsidize the cost of installing stabilizing devices for the residents with prior investigation. The cost of the devices is charged.

#### Quake-Resistance Examination and Reinforcing Quake-Resistance

The city subsidizes citizens for quake-resistance examinations and quake-resistance upgrading work, etc.

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