



HOPE International
Development Agency

Safety Guidelines and Protocols

1. All Fuji Climb Participants understand that you are climbing at your own risk. However, we will offer you as much support as possible to reduce the risk.
2. If any Fuji Climb Participant feels in danger or under threat, we advise you to stop at the station closest to you, or if not sure, retrace your steps to the last station you passed. At each station, there is shelter and, if needed, a futon.
3. All Fuji Climb Participants should not stray from the trail but stay with others. We do not want anyone climbing solo, and if you are uncertain about the trail, wait until someone passes you and follow them.
4. The bus will travel from Hongo Station (Nagoya) to the fifth station unless there is a typhoon or similar severe weather forecast. **We may not get a refund from the bus company even if we cancel due to severe weather.** Please check the weather on challenge dates from Japan Meteorological Agency at:
<http://www.jma.go.jp/jma/indexe.html> or
<http://english.wunderground.com/global/stations/47639.html>. However, the weather conditions at high altitude are quite changeable. It may be very windy and rainy, so please be prepared.
5. While Mt. Fuji Charity Climb is not a guided tour, we will organize climbers on the bus into several groups and form a buddy system.
6. HOPE-JP staff will act as the sweep, supporting those who are the slowest and stay with those who stop.
7. We are climbing the Subashiri Trail. It is the route that is doable for all ages. The climb is not a technical one and only requires common sense, mutual support and the gambaru spirit.
8. We are climbing a mountain and there is no guarantee that we will all make it to the top. Factors that will affect success are: tiredness, pain in legs, timing and, of course, the weather. If you do not make it to the top, you will still enjoy an interesting experience and spectacular views when the sun rises. You will also meet many other people of all nationalities on the trail.

Thank you so much for your support!!