

## Lesson 56: Talking About Emergency Situations

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### 1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Mr. Kawasaki: (on the phone) This call **had better** be important, Jackie. You know that I don't like being disturbed on weekends.

Jackie, the Secretary: It's rather urgent, sir. I was just informed by the New York office that Mr. Trump is on his way to Tokyo as we speak.

Mr. Kawasaki: How come I didn't know that our number one client is visiting? What flight is he on? I'll meet him at the airport.

Jackie: Mr. Trump is on a private jet. We don't have access to private tarmacs, sir. It's best to meet him at the Shangri-La Hotel.

Mr. Kawasaki: Okay. Call an emergency meeting of all department heads. Tell them that I want detailed reports of all construction projects for Mr. Trump, including supplies and finances.

Jackie: I'm already on it, sir.

Mr. Kawasaki: Hire the best photographer to take shots of the towers we're building for Mr. Trump. Send me the digital photos via e-mail ASAP.

Jackie: Shall I set up the conference room for the emergency meeting?

Mr. Kawasaki: Yes. Announce the meeting for 6:00AM tomorrow. That should give them enough time to prepare the reports.

Jackie: I'll do my best, sir.

### 2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. A: I've decided to tell the manager about my complaints about this company. B: You'd **better** be careful. You might lose your job.
2. (At work, talking to employees) I'll be going on vacation for a week. You **had better** be working even when I'm not around.
3. Jack, your room is such a mess. I'm going to the supermarket. Your room **had better** be clean when I get back.

\* had better ... / ...した方がよい、...した方が身のためだ

### 3. Your Task

Your boss has just told you that he is holding an emergency meeting with his business partners. Call one of his business partners (=your tutor) and inform him/her about the meeting. Politely tell the business partner that the meeting is in two hours. He/She might ask what the meeting is about so be ready with an answer.

### 4. Let's Talk

Recall an emergency situation you have experienced and relate the story to your tutor. Have you ever reported an emergency situation to the police or the emergency hotline? If yes, tell your tutor all about it.

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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