

# Japanese escape pod could save lives in the face of disaster

**Cosmo Power, a small Japanese engineering company, has designed an escape pod that holds up to four adults and floats on water.**



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TOKYO — A small Japanese company has developed a modern, miniature version of Noah's Ark in case Japan is hit by another massive tsunami: a floating capsule that looks like a huge tennis ball.

Japan's Cosmo Power says its "Noah" shelter is made of enhanced fiberglass that can save users from typhoon or tsunami disasters, like the tsunami on March 11 that devastated Japan's northern coast, leaving nearly 20,000 people dead or missing.

Company president Shoji Tanaka says the capsule can hold four adults, and that it has survived drops from 30 feet and blows from sledge hammers. It is self-righting, and has a small lookout window and breathing holes on top. While awaiting an emergency, it can be used as a toy house for children.

The company completed its first capsule earlier this month, and already has over 600 orders.

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