

More Japanese men opting to pee sitting

Vocabulary

to urinate

accurate

inadvertently

a mess

unintended

recollection

to be considerate

to relieve

Article

Japanese men are increasingly deciding that sitting on the toilet while urinating is the way to go instead of standing where their aim is less accurate or they inadvertently cause a mess due to unintended "splashbacks."

A June poll found that just over 60 percent of men prefer to sit, with nearly half having made the switch from standing but over a quarter of men in their 20s saying they had from their earliest recollection always been "native toilet sitters."

Tomoyuki Isowa, a 53-year-old business owner in Nagoya said, "I was also being considerate of my wife, who always does the cleaning. And I learned that sitting down while I relieve myself allows me to relax more than standing."

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Quiz

1. What are more and more Japanese men doing?
2. What percentage of men have sat on the toilet since childhood?

Conversation

A: For goodness' sake, Harry! Do you have to make such a mess?

B: Sorry, mum. I can't help it. I did lift the seat up, though.

A: You're as bad as your father! From now on, I want you to sit down to wee.

B: Okay... but in that case I'm putting the seat down.

Discussion

1. Who is the messiest person in your family, and who does the most cleaning?
2. Foreigners in Japan are amazed by the high-tech toilets. Is yours high-tech?
3. How do you think technology will make household chores easier in the future?