

# WHAT TO DO IF A TSUNAMI ALERT IS ISSUED

*This is a list of things you should know.  
It is designed to be read and understood quickly, however, it is also useful to  
familiarise with information on this page up-front if possible.*

## **⚠ HEED NATURAL WARNINGS**

An earthquake may serve as a warning that a tsunami is coming, and so may a rapid fall or rise in coastal waters.

## **⚠ HEED OFFICIAL WARNINGS**

Play it safe, even if warnings seem ambiguous or you think the danger has passed.

## **⚠ EXPECT MANY WAVES**

Consecutive waves may be bigger, and they will carry debris. The tsunami may last for hours.

## **⚠ HEAD FOR HIGH GROUND AND STAY THERE**

Move uphill or at least inland, away from the coast.

## **⚠ ABANDON BELONGINGS**

Save your life, not your possessions, they will slow you down.

### **⚠ DON'T COUNT ON THE ROADS**

When fleeing a tsunami caused by a nearby earth quake, you may find roads broken or blocked. Go on foot, it might be the safest option.

### **⚠ GO TO AN UPPER FLOOR OR ROOF OF A BUILDING**

Only if trapped and unable to reach high ground, go to an upper story of a sturdy building or get on its roof.

### **⚠ CLIMB A TREE**

As a last resort, climb up a strong tree if trapped on low ground.

### **⚠ CLIMB ONTO SOMETHING THAT FLOATS**

If swept up by a tsunami, look for something to use as a raft.

### **⚠ EXPECT THE WAVES TO LEAVE DEBRIS**

A tsunami will leave behind sand, the remains of houses, and bodies.

### **⚠ EXPECT QUAKES TO LOWER COASTAL LAND**

A large earthquake can leave nearby coastal areas lowered, allowing tidal water to flood them.

### **⚠ EXPECT COMPANY**

Shelter your neighbours.

# AFTER TSUNAMI

## **⚠ STAY IN A SAFE AREA**

Stay in the safe location until authorities say it is safe to return. A tsunami can last many hours. Wait for official advice even if there was no tsunami wave.

## **⚠ DO NOT ENTER FLOODED AREAS**

Flooded areas can contain lethal debris and be contaminated by hazardous materials.

## **⚠ GO TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL**

If you or someone near you is injured go to the nearest hospital. Find the nearest safe hospital ([index.html#portfolio](#)).

## **⚠ GO TO THE NEAREST REFUGE AREA**

If your house was damaged find the nearest refuge. Find the nearest refuge ([index.html#portfolio](#)).

## **⚠ EXPECT COMPANY**

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