

WHAT TO DO?

IF THERE IS A TSUNAMI WARNING IN HAWAII



1. If you are near the ocean and you feel the earth shake, move immediately to higher ground. **DO NOT** wait for a tsunami warning to be issued. Stay away from the ocean. Also, stay away from rivers and streams that lead to the ocean. A tsunami from a local earthquake could strike within minutes, before a tsunami warning can be issued.
2. Tsunamis generated in distant locations will generally allow at least 4 hours to move to higher ground.
3. When the sirens go off, immediately turn on your radio, TV, or NOAA Weather Radio for additional information.
4. If you are in school during a tsunami warning, follow the advice of teachers and other school personnel.
5. If you are at home, make sure your family is aware of the warning. Your family should evacuate only if in a tsunami evacuation zone. Move in a calm and safe manner to a pre-planned evacuation site or to a safe place outside your evacuation zone.
6. Tall, multi-story, reinforced concrete buildings are located in many low-lying coastal areas. The upper floors can provide a safe refuge if you cannot move quickly inland to higher ground. Homes and small buildings are not designed to withstand tsunami impacts.
7. If an evacuation is necessary, Civil Defense/Department of Emergency Management will issue an "all-clear" once it is safe to return to the evacuation zone.
8. To find if your home or workplace is in an evacuation zone, look at the phone book or use the tsunami evacuation map tool at <http://ptwc.weather.gov/ptwc/hawaii.php>.

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