

## “Earthquake and Tsunami Awareness Month”



### Tsunami Information

Tsunamis are a series of large ocean waves generated by severe [earthquakes](#) beneath the ocean floor; they can also be caused by massive [landslides](#) and meteorite impacts. When these waves enter shallow water, they may rise to several feet or in some cases even higher, striking the coast with devastating force.

#### Tsunami Warning Signs:

- Strong earthquakes near the coast that last 20 seconds or more
- A rapid rise or fall in ocean waters

#### Preparedness Tips:

- Find out if your home, school, or workplace are located in tsunami hazard areas. Areas at or below sea level are often at the greatest risk.
- Know your way out. Contact local authorities to determine official evacuation routes. Practice regularly to ensure everyone in your household is ready to respond.
- If you are a tourist, familiarize yourself with local tsunami evacuation protocols. Know where to go if you are on the beach, in a restaurant, or back in the hotel.

### Earthquake App Features

Don't let an earthquake catch you off guard. Download the Earthquake app and stay ahead of the game!

- Step-by-step instructions on what to do before/during/after an earthquake.
- Earthquake notifications generated by the United States Geological Survey (USGS).
- The perceived shaking impact to your area or those of loved ones.
- Customizable “I’m Safe” alerts via Facebook, Twitter, email and text to let loved ones know you are okay.
- An illustrated history of earthquakes in your area.
- Tips on what to do about food and drinking water when your area is affected

#### Shareable Resources:

- [Tsunami Safety Tips](#)
- [Earthquake App \(Video\)](#)
- [Tsunami Safety \(Video\)](#)



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#### Next Week's Messaging: Tsunami Survival Tips



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