If you feel an earthquake:
• Do not wait for an official warning
• Immediate inland to higher ground
• Drop, cover, and hold

If you feel the temblor:
• No espera por un aviso oficial
• Diríjase de inmediato a un lugar más alto que el nivel del mar
• Move immediately inland to higher ground
• Drop, cover, and hold

Local Tsunami:
• Zona de evacuación para un tsunami local de un terremoto cerca de la costa de Oregon.
• Zona de evaluación para el efectivo medio de guía hacia un lugar seguro.

Distant Tsunami:
• Zona de evacuación para un tsunami distante de un temblor lejos de la costa de Oregon.
• Zona de preparación para una advertencia del tsunami de larga distancia.

Evacuation zone for a tsunami far away.
Evacuation zone for a local tsunami.
Evacuation zone for a distant tsunami from an earthquake far away from the Oregon coast.
Evacuation zone for an earthquake at the Oregon coast.
Evacuation zone for all tsunami warnings or if you feel an earthquake.
**WHAT TO KNOW about tsunamis**

A tsunami is a series of sea waves, usually caused by a displacement of the ocean floor by an undersea earthquake. As tsunamis enter shallow water near land, they increase in height and can cause great loss of life and property damage. Recent research suggests that tsunamis have struck the Oregon coast on a regular basis. They can occur anytime, day or night.

Typical wave heights from tsunamis occurring in the Pacific Ocean over the last 500 years have been 20−65 feet at the shoreline. A tsunami can enter shallow water near land, increase in height and cause great loss of life and property damage. Typical wave heights from tsunamis occurring in the Pacific Ocean over the last 500 years have been 20−65 feet at the shoreline. We distinguish between a tsunami caused by an undersea earthquake near the Oregon coast (a local tsunami) and an undersea earthquake near the Oregon coast (a distant tsunami) and an undersea earthquake near the Oregon coast (a local tsunami) and an undersea earthquake near the Oregon coast (a distant tsunami).

**Distant tsunamis**

A distant tsunami will take hours to reach our coast and will generally be smaller than the tsunami that caused it. Tsunami evacuation warnings will generally be issued by the National Weather Service (NOAA) before a distant tsunami reaches our coast.

**Local tsunamis**

A local tsunami can come on shore within 15 to 20 minutes after the earthquake — before there is time for an official warning from the national warning system. Ground shaking from the earthquake may be the only warning you have. Evacuate quickly!

**WHAT TO DO for both local and distant tsunamis**

1. Evacuate on foot, if at all possible. Follow evacuation signs and arrows to an Assembly Area.*

2. If you need help evacuating tie something white (sheet or towel) to the front door knob. Make it large enough to be visible from the street. If the emergency is a distant tsunami, then help may arrive. In the event of a local tsunami, it is unlikely that anyone will help you, so make a plan and be prepared.

3. Stay away from potentially hazardous areas until you receive an ALL CLEAR from local officials. Tsunamis often follow river channels, and dangerous waves can persist for several hours. Local officials must inspect all flooded or earthquake-damaged structures before anyone can go back into them.

4. After evacuation, check with local emergency officials if you think you have special skills and can help, or if you need assistance locating lost family members.

*Assembly area A is shown on the map. Do not confuse Assembly Areas with Evacuation Centers, which are short-term help centers set up after a disaster occurs.

**WHAT TO DO:**

- **DROP, COVER, HOLD:** if you feel an earthquake, a tsunami may be coming...

  what to do:
  - **DROP** cover, hold until the earthquake is over, protect yourself
  - **MOVE IMMEDIATELY INLAND** to high ground and away from low-lying coastal areas
  - **FOLLOW EVACUATION ROUTE SIGN:**
    - **DO NOT WAIT** for an official warning
    - **GO ON FOOT** if at all possible
    - **DO NOT RACK OR STAY,**
    - **DO NOT RETURN** to the beach — large waves may continue to come onshore for several hours
  - **WAIT** for an "all clear" from local emergency officials before returning to low-lying areas

**HOW to help with tsunami awareness in your community**

- **Start a tsunami buddy system**
- **Make and distribute emergency packs**
- **Initiate or participate in a local preparedness program**

Visit OregonTsunami.org to find more great resources!