When a tsunami heads our way from across the Pacific or a wildland fire flares up close to home, you need the information to evacuate safely. All California Counties have emergency notification systems, but you will only get alerts if you are signed up in advance.

Modern notification systems rely on knowing where you are and what areas are under threat in order to customize evacuation messages to the region of concern. They work like reverse-911 calling. When a threat is identified, the system automatically phones, sends texts and emails to the areas where people may need to evacuate or receive other life-safety information. But you will only get contacted if you have registered in advance.

**How to sign up?**
Contact your county Office of Emergency Services. You can enroll on-line or over the phone. On the North Coast, you can designate up to five different locations/contact points. Include home, work place, children’s school or parents’ assisted living locations. There is no cost and your contact information won’t be sold or otherwise disseminated.

**How does it work?**
If any of your designated locations are in a threat area, a text, phone call and email is sent to you. The system will automatically continue to send messages until you confirm that you have received it. Follow the instructions of emergency personnel.

REMEMBER, WE CAN’T ALERT YOU IF WE CAN’T REACH YOU