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# SHAKY GROUND

HOW TO SURVIVE EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

## How Will I Know if a Tsunami is Coming and What Should I Do?



### NATURAL WARNING

- Strong ground shaking that lasts a long time
- A loud ocean roar
- The water receding unusually far, exposing the sea floor

*If you observe any of these warning signs, immediately go to higher ground or inland. A tsunami may arrive within minutes and may last for eight hours or longer. Stay away from coastal areas until officials permit you to return.*

**NATURAL AND OFFICIAL WARNINGS ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT. RESPOND TO WHICHEVER YOU HEAR OR OBSERVE FIRST.**

### OFFICIAL WARNING

Tsunami Warnings are announced via radio, television, telephone, text message, door-to-door contact by emergency responders, NOAA weather radios, or in some cases by outdoor sirens and announcements from airplanes.

*When a tsunami warning is issued, move away from the beach. Seek more information without using your telephone. Use radio, television or the web and follow the directions of emergency personnel who may request you to evacuate beaches and low-lying coastal areas.*

