

Living on

SHAKY GROUND

HOW TO SURVIVE EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Step 6

EVACUATE IF NECESSARY— CHECK FOR INJURIES AND DAMAGE

EVACUATE IF you are in a TSUNAMI HAZARD ZONE

Feeling strong ground shaking that lasts a long time may be the only warning that a tsunami is on its way. In Step 1 you identified hazard areas and evacuation routes. Grab your “grab and go” kit and immediately head to a safe area.

Do not wait for an official warning

- Do not wait to collect supplies or belongings.
- Use posted tsunami hazard zone signs and tsunami evacuation maps to determine what areas are risky and what areas are safe.
- GO ON FOOT. Roads and bridges may be damaged. Avoid downed power lines.
- If evacuation is impossible, go to the third or higher floor of a sturdy building or climb a tree. This should only be used as a last resort.



IF YOU ARE IN A SAFE AREA

Check for injuries

- Do not move injured persons unless they are in danger of further injuries.
- Use your first aid skills to stop bleeding.
- Cover injured persons with a blanket to keep them warm.

Check for damage

- If possible, use your fire extinguisher to put out small fires.
- Turn off the main gas valve IF you smell gas or suspect a leak. Only the gas company can turn it back on.
- Wear gloves to protect yourself from broken glass
- Stay away from damaged chimneys or brick walls. Aftershocks may bring them tumbling down.

