



TSUNAMI

Know the Term

Tsunamis are ocean waves generated by a sudden change of the ocean water level, most often caused by earthquakes, but also by landslides, volcanic eruptions, and comet or meteorite impacts in the ocean.

A Tsunami:

- is like a fast rising flood and strikes with devastating force.
- moves faster than you can run.
- is a series of waves that may continue for hours. The first wave may not be the last or the strongest.

Warning Signs of a Tsunami

- A strong earthquake
- A sudden rise or fall of the ocean tide
- A loud roaring sound coming from the ocean

What to do:

- Immediately move to a higher ground or up to the third floor or higher of a tall, reinforced concrete building.
- If you are driving, follow the Tsunami Evacuation Route signs that lead to designated assembly areas.
- A strong earthquake
- Stay away from the beach until officials issue an “all clear.”