

Tsunami evacuation

Evacuation zones

- **Shore Exclusion Zone**
Evacuate for any Tsunami
- **Evacuation Zone Orange**
Evacuate along with the red zone when officially directed
- **Evacuation Zone Yellow**
Consider evacuating all zones on any natural or informal warning
- **Community-led Centres**
that **may** support you during a disaster

Tsunami sources

- Local Sourced Tsunami**
Will take less than 1 hour travel time to reach the nearest coastline;
- Regional Sourced Tsunami**
Will take 1 - 3 hours travel time to reach the nearest coastline;
- Distant Sourced Tsunami**
Will take more than 3 hours travel time to reach the nearest coastline.

Warnings and response

Natural warnings

If you are on the coast and experience any of the following:

- Feel a strong earthquake that lasts longer than a minute and is strong enough to knock you off your feet.
- See a sudden rise or fall in sea level or hear loud and unusual noises from the sea.

Move immediately to the nearest high ground or move inland as far as you can.

LONG or STRONG: GET GONE. Evacuate ALL zones.

Do not wait for official warnings, in a local source tsunami there will be no time for an official warning.

Official warnings

Evacuate from the zone(s) stated in the warning message and stay out until given the official all clear. Bay of Plenty Civil Defence uses Emergency Mobile Alerts and Red Cross Hazard App to alert the public.

Other platforms used: our Facebook page, Twitter, website, radio and television.

www.bopcivildefence.govt.nz

Informal warnings

Warnings from friends, other members of the public, international media, etc may be correct. Verify the warning if you can do so quickly and consider evacuating from all zones.

Tsunami evacuation

- Think feet first and leave roads clear for emergency services and evacuation of the less mobile. Assist your neighbours and take your emergency pack.
- The first wave may not be the largest.
- Large waves may come after a series of small waves. The largest waves from distant sources may take many hours to arrive.
- There may be multiple waves separated by up to an hour, or more.
- Stay OUT of evacuation zones until given the official all clear.
- Stay away from the Red Zone for at least 24 hours after any tsunami warning, even small waves can create dangerous currents.