



# Key Tsunami Facts



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- A tsunami is actually a series of waves. The first wave is almost never the largest or worst. Tsunami surges can last for many hours, even days.
- A tsunami's waves can carry harmful debris and chemicals with them (ships, broken docks, oil and gas - even fires).
- Once a tsunami has flooded an area, the flooding can remain, worsening response and recovery.- If under a tsunami warning, evacuate to high ground or inland (or to your known, pre-determined safe location).
- Get tsunami safe and danger zone maps at [TsunamiZone.org/knowyourzone](https://www.tsunamiZone.org/knowyourzone).
- Fortunately, you can get prepared to survive and recover: [TsunamiZone.org](https://www.tsunamiZone.org).



## Different types of tsunami messages:

Remember, your local emergency management office may provide further information when these alerts are issued too.



- **Warning:** Dangerous coastal flooding and powerful currents. Move to high ground or inland.
- **Advisory:** Strong currents and waves dangerous to those in or very near water. Stay out of water, away from beaches and waterways.
- **Watch:** Hazard not yet known. Stay tuned for more information. Be prepared to act.
- **Information Statement:** No threat or very distant event for which hazard has not been determined. No action suggested at this time.

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