Know Your Zone! - Tsunami Zone

Millions of people enjoy California’s wonderful coastline! Whether you live, work, or visit, it is important to be aware that the coastal region is vulnerable to tsunamis. California’s large offshore faults and steep underwater slopes can cause a local tsunami to arrive in minutes. Tsunamis can also travel across the ocean from distant earthquakes.

California tsunami inundation maps show where areas on land can become quickly flooded when there is a tsunami. Tsunamis produce strong, rapidly moving currents that can flow onto normally dry land. Tsunamis are also dangerous for people in the water, and boats or ships on the water.

Inundation maps are intended to be used to help guide people from dangerous areas to safe areas by showing where high, safe ground is located. These maps can be used by anyone to plan a safe evacuation route. You can practice walking out of the tsunami zone to be better prepared for a real tsunami.

To search for tsunami maps go to:
http://www.quake.ca.gov/gmaps/WH/tsunamimaps.htm

- Using the index map, you can zoom in directly to the area that you are interested in.

- When zoomed in, the blue area is the tsunami inundation zone.

- You can also search by county (use the dropdown menu), or by using the search box (type in the name of a coastal city, beach, or park).
- Use the dropdown Google Map interface option (located in upper right corner of map) to toggle between: map and satellite images, or to add terrain shading.

To Find Tsunami Preparedness Information:

- On the tsunami map page, click within one of the red rectangles
- To the left of the map, links to county evacuation and regional earthquake preparedness information will be displayed.

To learn more about California tsunamis go to:
- [www.tsunami.ca.gov](http://www.tsunami.ca.gov)

To learn more about tsunamis and other natural hazards in your neighborhood and how to reduce your risk go to:
- [http://myhazards.calema.ca.gov/](http://myhazards.calema.ca.gov/)

To learn about how you can participate in tsunami preparedness go to:
- [http://tsunamizone.org/](http://tsunamizone.org/)