



TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS

WHAT TO DO: *BEFORE*

- **Learn signs** of a potential tsunami such as an earthquake, loud ocean roar, or sudden rise or fall (pull back) of ocean water.
- **Pack a “Go Bag”** - one per family member.
- Know and practice your **evacuation routes** and communication plans.
- **Familiarize** yourself with Tsunami Hazard Zones & evacuation routes displayed in your community.
- **Find tsunami evacuation signs** posted near the coast.
- Download important emergency apps and **sign up for emergency alerts.**

Register for
SMC Alert

www.SMCAlert.info



WARNING Message Example:

Dangerous coastal flooding and powerful currents possible. Move to high ground or inland. Take your Go Bag and walk or drive **inland** or take stairs to higher floors.

Look up if you are in a **Tsunami Hazard Zone**:
[Tsunami Hazard Map - San Mateo County](#)



WHAT TO DO: *DURING*

If there is an earthquake:

Drop. Cover. Hold On until the shaking stops.



When shaking stops, if there are signs, official warnings, or tsunami sirens, move immediately as high and as far inland as possible.

Tsunami evacuation routes are marked by a sign with a wave and an arrow in the direction of higher ground. If you are on a boat, head out to sea and if you are in a harbor, go inland. Always leave immediately if there are signs of possible tsunami!

WHAT TO DO: *AFTER*

- **Stay away from the water until authorities say it is safe.**
- Text, do not call, to keep phone lines clear for emergencies.
- Have your Go Bag handy.
- Monitor local news and San Mateo County social media for updates and shelter locations.
- Often, a tsunami is more than one wave. Stay at higher level - away from the water - until the “all clear” is given by officials.

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Hazard Zone**

