

Tsunami Guide

You may be at risk of tsunami if you live in or visit coastal areas of NSW.



For emergency assistance during a flood, storm or tsunami call **NSW SES** on **132 500**.
or visit ses.nsw.gov.au

What can you do to prepare?

In NSW tsunami risk is low but the impacts can be severe. Preparing now can help to protect your family & minimise the potential damage caused by a tsunami & other severe weather events.

- **Check** your insurance policies are up to date & provide adequate cover.
- **Identify** where & how to turn off your electricity, gas & water mains.
- **Secure** loose outdoor items when not in use.
- **Prepare your Emergency Kit** to take with you in the event of a tsunami. Walking to evacuation areas is preferred, so only plan to take what you can carry.
- **Review your Emergency Plan &** discuss it with your family, friends & neighbours.



Tsunami evacuation map



This map shows evacuation areas in the event of a land-threat tsunami.

If you need to evacuate, the best option is to stay with friends & family in a safe location outside of these areas.

Scan the QR code to view.



What can you do during a tsunami?



When a tsunami warning is issued, evacuating on foot to higher ground is the safest action.

Act on the first warning you receive & immediately follow safety advice.



If a Marine and Immediate Foreshore Threat warning is issued:

- Leave the water & move away from coastal areas like beaches, harbours & estuaries.
- Boats in shallow waters should return to land or the nearest mooring. Secure your boat & move to higher ground.
- Boats that are already offshore should move to deeper waters until it's safe to return.

If a Land Inundation Threat warning is issued, follow the advice above & also:

- Go to higher ground, at least 10m above sea level or 1km inland.
- If you can't leave the area, take shelter in upper floors of a sturdy building.
- If possible, evacuate on foot to avoid roads that may be closed or congested.
- Only take essential items that you can carry with you (e.g. documents & medications).

If you are trapped during a tsunami, it is unlikely NSW SES will be able to rescue you.

This is a life-threatening emergency, call **Triple Zero (000)**.

Recovering from a tsunami



After a tsunami, NSW SES will advise when it is safe for residents & businesses to return to an affected area. Depending on the impacts it may not be safe to return for 24hrs or longer.

Visiting damaged areas can put your life & the lives of others at risk. Do not go back to your property if warnings are still active.

- **Avoid** entering damaged buildings unless authorities tell you it is safe to return.
- **Assess** your home & property for damage. Make sure the electricity & gas are turned off before going inside.
- **Seek** professional assessments for damaged structures, utilities & insurance matters.
- **Discard** any food & drinks that have been contaminated by flooding. Only use utensils & personal items that have been cleaned.
- **Keep** away from fallen powerlines & other remaining hazards.
- **Check** to see if your neighbours need help.



If you have been impacted by tsunami, additional recovery support will be available for you.

To learn more about recovering from tsunami, visit: ses.nsw.gov.au/recovery

Know the warnings



NSW SES will distribute tsunami warnings & information through the **Australian Warning System (AWS)**, including:



Advice

An incident is happening. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



Emergency Warning

You may be in danger & need to take action immediately.

Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) will issue three levels of tsunami threat warnings, they are:

- **No Threat**
- **Marine and Immediate Foreshore Threat**
- **Land Inundation Threat**

To learn more about the AWS & warnings, visit: ses.nsw.gov.au/warnings

Learn the natural signs

You may not always receive an official warning. When looking out for natural signs, you may:

- **Feel** the ground shake.
- **See** the water draw back from the shoreline.
- **Hear** a loud roaring sound from the ocean.

If you notice any of these natural signs, don't wait for a warning. Move away from the water's edge & go to higher ground.

Be prepared with these apps

Download these four apps for weather warnings, hazard notifications, road impacts & help from emergency services.

Hazards Near Me NSW



Set up your watch zones to receive notifications on changing local conditions.



Emergency Plus



The 'what 3 words' feature shares your precise location with emergency services.



BOM Weather



Check for weather forecasts, radars & warnings wherever you are.



Live Traffic NSW



Plan ahead & see what hazards are impacting your route on NSW roads.



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