




Natural warning signs

The natural warning signs of a tsunami are:

-  **FEEL the ground shake.** If you are near the ocean this may mean a large earthquake has happened nearby. This may generate a tsunami.
-  **SEE the ocean drop.** As a tsunami approaches the shore, the ocean may drop, but not always.
-  **HEAR a roaring sound.** This may be heard before the arrival of a tsunami.

When a Tsunami Warning is issued

When the Bureau of Meteorology issues a Tsunami Warning, act early.

Marine and immediate foreshore threat

- ✓ Get out of the water and move to high ground away from the immediate foreshore (beach, rocks, estuary etc.)
- ✓ Boats near to shore should return to the nearest mooring. Secure your boat and move to high ground.
- ✓ Boats located offshore should move to deep water

In the event of a **land inundation threat** you will ALSO need to do the following:

- ✓ Move to higher ground, at least 10 metres above sea level or 1 kilometre inland
- ✓ Take only essential items, such as important papers, family photographs and medication
- ✓ Leave by foot, roads may be congested or closed
- ✓ If you cannot get to higher ground seek shelter in the upper storey of a sturdy brick or concrete building
- ⚠ Do not go to the coast to watch the tsunami

After a tsunami

A Tsunami - Return With Caution - Advice, will be issued by the NSW SES when it is safe to return to areas impacted by tsunami. It may not be safe to return for up to 24 hours or longer, depending on the impacts.

- ⚠ Do not go sightseeing
- ✓ Keep listening to radio for information, updates and advice

Recovery

Disaster Recovery Centres may be established following a major tsunami. They may provide a range of welfare services including financial assistance, personal support, organising temporary accommodation and providing information and referrals.

Australian Warning System

In the event of a tsunami, the NSW SES may issue the following Australian Warning System products:

- Tsunami - Stay Informed - Advice
- Tsunami - Avoid the Area - Emergency Warning (Marine and Immediate Foreshore Threat)
- Tsunami - Evacuate Now - Emergency Warning (Marine and Land Threat)
- Tsunami - Return With Caution - Advice

Further information

Joint Australian Tsunami Warning Centre
(Bureau of Meteorology) - 1300 878 6264
bom.gov.au/tsunami for the latest Tsunami Warnings



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STORM AND TSUNAMI CALL

132 500

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For further information about tsunami visit
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Your **friends and family** may pass on official warnings.