

# BE PREPARED FOR A TSUNAMI

A tsunami can kill or injure people and damage or destroy buildings and infrastructure as waves come in and go out.

A tsunami is a series of enormous ocean waves caused by earthquakes, underwater landslides, volcanic eruptions, or asteroids.



Travels 20–30 miles per hour with waves 10–100 feet high



Causes flooding and creates problems with transportation, power, communications, and drinking water



Can happen anywhere along U.S. coasts; coasts that border the Pacific Ocean or Caribbean have the greatest risk

## IF YOU ARE UNDER A TSUNAMI WARNING



If caused by an earthquake, Drop, Cover, and Hold On to protect yourself from the earthquake first.

Get to high ground as far inland as possible.



Listen to emergency information and alerts.

Be alert to signs of a tsunami, such as a sudden rise or draining of ocean waters.



Evacuate: DO NOT wait! Leave when you see any natural signs of a tsunami OR hear an official tsunami warning.



If you are in a boat, go out to sea.

