

LOCAL TSUNAMI

A local tsunami can be caused by a major earthquake or one that goes on for over 1 minute close to the coast. They can also be caused by a landslide under the sea or one that goes into the sea. If you are on the coast and the sea level suddenly goes down then you should head inland or up immediately. If a Tsunami is generated it will probably arrive between 20-30 minutes after an earthquake. If the sea suddenly recedes then you should get about 3-5 minutes to get inland

You will need to make your own decision about evacuating to a safe area as it is extremely unlikely there will be any warnings.

The only warning you will get is a natural warning – the earthquake or you may see the sea doing something you have never seen before. This will be your only warning to leave. If no Tsunami is generated it should be safe to return after about one hour.

What to do:

If you are inland from the local event area shown on the map you can stay where you are, but keep a close eye on what the sea is doing. If you are inside the local event line then you should get above it.

You need to talk to your School to find out their plans for the children – DO NOT wait until the earthquake happens to find out.

Take your getaway kit. Items for this are listed in the Telephone Directory.

Make sure you obey the road rules if you go by car.

If you do evacuate to somewhere you can listen to the radio or from your car listen to 90.9FM or 945AM.

Keep listening to your radio for information updates

THERE WILL BE NO WARNINGS FOR A LOCALISED TSUNAMI IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GET YOURSELF/FAMILY TO SAFETY

DISTANT TSUNAMI

A distant Tsunami is caused when an earthquake occurs in another region of the Pacific such as the West Coast of South America. There will be warnings issued for these events, as there is usually many hours (about 11 hours in most cases) between the earthquake and the arrival of a tsunami. There will be a declared Civil Defence Emergency if evacuations are necessary.

What To Do:

- Make sure you know whether you are in the area that will be evacuated, see Distant Event shaded area on map over, or if you are unsure ask your Civil Defence contact (see last yellow page in centre of phone book)
- Police, Fire and your Civil Defence Team will initiate the evacuation by door knocking. Please do exactly as they say, there will be no need to panic as you will have plenty of time.
- You should also listen to the radio (90.9 or Radio Network 945 AM) and follow the direction of the Police and Civil Defence. If you hear information that conflicts with what you have been told by Police or Civil Defence – obey the information you are given by them. It is possible you will be evacuated for up to 24 hours.
- Take your getaway kit. Items for this are listed in the Telephone Directory.
- You should plan to go to family and friends that are outside of the evacuation area or to the Union Parish Church in Ormond Rd.
- If you have kids at School or Preschool there should be plenty of time to pick them up or arrange for a family member to.
- Continue to listen to the radio to receive information updates.

Remember to make plans with your whanau before an emergency. Make sure all family members know where you will go and who will care for the elderly or those in need in the wider community.

* People camping will have time to pack up and go home or move to a safe area inland.