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# EMERGENCY PLAN: TSUNAMIS

A step-by-step guide on Tsunami disaster management  
for UCSB students.

## IN EVENT OF A TSUNAMI WARNING

- Get to high ground as far inland as possible
- Listen to emergency information and alerts
- Evacuate immediately and do not use Hwy 217 due to its low elevation
- Learn the signs: earthquake, loud roar from the ocean, unusual ocean behavior, sudden rise or draining of ocean floor

## WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

- Familiarize yourself with your local tsunami risks
- Establish evacuation routes from your home and workplace
- Pick shelters 100 feet or more above sea level or at least one mile inland
- Sign up for your community's warning system through The Emergency Alert System (EAS), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

EAS Sign Up



## WHAT YOU CAN DO DURING

- If there are natural signs of tsunami, listen to authorities but do not wait for tsunami warnings and evacuation orders
- Remain outside of tsunami hazard zones unless directed otherwise
- Leave immediately if told to do so; evacuation routes are marked by a wave with an arrow in the direction of higher ground
- If in water, grab onto anything that floats
- If in a boat, head towards the direction of waves to sea, if in harbor, head inland



## WHAT YOU CAN DO AFTER

- Monitor local alerts for available shelter locations and areas to avoid
- Do not touch electrical equipment if wet or are standing in water
- Document property damage with photos for insurance
- Use texting or social media to communicate with family as phone systems may be down



## RESOURCES

Tsunami Readiness



Tsunami Terminology



Tsunami Evacuation Map



Refer to UCSB Campus e-mails and homepage at  
[www.ucsb.edu](http://www.ucsb.edu) for further information.