READY HOUSE: TSUNAMI

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THE SHAKING IS YOUR WARNING

Near the coast and you feel strong or long shaking? As soon as it stops, walk to high ground. Don't go home first. Don't wait for a siren, a phone alert, or anyone to confirm it.

- A tsunami from a nearby earthquake can arrive in **15 to 30 minutes**, faster than official alerts can reach you.
- **Walk, don't drive.** Roads may be damaged or jammed.

NATURE'S OTHER WARNINGS

- The ocean **pulls back** far beyond a normal low tide.
- A **loud roar** from the water.
- Either one means **minutes, not hours**. Move now.

BEFORE: KNOW YOUR ZONE

- Find out if your **home, work and school** are in a tsunami zone. Your state emergency agency and NOAA publish maps by address.
- Find your **walking route** to high ground, or to a designated vertical evacuation building.
- **Walk it and time it.** Don't guess.

AFTER THE FIRST WAVE

- Tsunamis come as a **series of waves**, sometimes hours apart. **The first is often not the biggest.**
- Stay on high ground until officials give the **all-clear**, often 2 to 6 hours or more after the last wave.
- Treat **downed power lines** as live; stay out of debris-filled water.
- Assume **tap water is unsafe** until your utility says otherwise.

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GETTING TO HIGH GROUND

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KEY NUMBERS

15–30
Minutes until waves can arrive after a nearby quake

2–6+
Hours before the all-clear, after the last wave

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Sentence: your family's plan

YOUR ONE-SENTENCE PLAN

- Say it out loud with your household: **"If we feel strong or long shaking near the coast, we walk to high ground right away, without stopping for anything."**
- Pick a **meeting place on high ground**.
- On a boat in the harbor? **Leave the boat** and get to high ground on foot.

READY TO WALK

- **Go-bag by the door**, light enough to carry uphill.
- **Shoes and a headlamp by the bed.** It may be dark.
- A **battery or crank radio** for news when cell service fails.
- An **out-of-area contact** everyone checks in with.

DO THIS NOW

before you need it

TONIGHT
Look up whether your home is in a tsunami zone.

THIS WEEKEND
Walk your route to high ground and time it.

WHEN YOU'RE READY
Put a go-bag by the door for each person, and shoes by every bed.

TSUNAMI CHECKLIST

- ☐ Zone map for home & work
- ☐ Route walked & timed
- ☐ Meeting place on high ground
- ☐ Go-bag by the door
- ☐ Shoes & headlamp by bed
- ☐ Battery or crank radio
- ☐ Out-of-area contact card
- ☐ Water for the road
- ☐ 7 days of medications
- ☐ Cash in small bills
- ☐ Rain gear & warm layer
- ☐ Copies of key documents



Want the whole plan?
The Ready House Bible by Charlie Ramsey has the full plan, worksheets and checklists for every room of the house. Paperback and Kindle. General preparedness guidance. Always follow local officials and emergency managers.