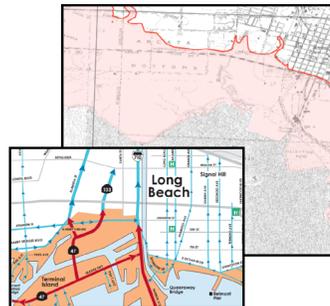# Tsunami Basics for Everyone

A tsunami is a series of powerful, fast-moving waves. Even a tsunami with just a peak wave height of 2-3 feet can flood coastal communities, impact harbor traffic and infrastructure, and cause other damage and casualties. Most are generated by large, offshore earthquakes, but landslides, volcanic eruptions, and even meteorite crashes can cause tsunamis too. If the source is distant, you may have hours before waves arrive; if nearby, just a matter of mere minutes. Register your preparedness activities at **TsunamiZone.org/register**!

Know Your Zone:

☐ Get tsunami maps at **TsunamiZone.org/knowyourzone**.

☐ Draw potential evacuation routes, starting in a tsunami danger zone and ending in a tsunami safe zone. Where is high ground and low ground? Or, how far inland might you need to go to be out of danger? Consider existing tsunami signage if present.

- Who travels in and out of tsunami zones to get to home, school, or work, and how?
- What needs might those with disabilities or who speak other languages have?
- How might your neighbors depend on you, and you on them?
- How are you actively helping to build a culture of preparedness in your community?

☐ Contact your local emergency management office, either at the city or county level, for further coordination and assistance in planning how you will respond and recover.

Take Action:

- Hold a **Tsunami Walk** with your community.
- Attend a webinar or lecture on tsunamis.
- Update your disaster supplies, insurance, and plans.
- Join the conversation on social media with the hashtag **#TsunamiPrep**.

Benefits of Registering:

- Be counted as a participant on the TsunamiZone website.
- Be listed with other participants in your area (optional).
- Be an example that motivates others to prepare.
- Be updated with tsunami news and safety tips.
- Have the peace of mind that you are better prepared to survive and recover quickly when a tsunami occurs!

Register Now!

TsunamiZone.org

DROP! **COVER!** **HOLD ON!**
Protect Yourself During Earthquakes

GO TO HIGH GROUND OR INLAND!
The Shaking is Your Tsunami Warning

STAY THERE!
Tsunami Waves May Arrive for Hours