

IF YOU FEEL A STRONG EARTHQUAKE:

- Drop, Cover, and Hold On
   When the shaking stops, move to a
- DO NOT wait for an official wan Stay away from coastal areas u officials issue an "all clear"



Assembly Area or Safe Ground

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Evacuate from this area for all tsunami warnings or if you feel a strong ear quake. Move inland and to higher ground or proceed to the 3rd floor or hig of a tall reinforced concete building.



# WHAT TO DO ABOUT TSUNAMIS

- Immediately move 100 feet inland and up to 50 feet to higher ground. If possible, walk to these safe areas rather than drive in order to avoid traffic congestion.
- ♦ DO NOT PACK or delay
- If you are not able to get inland and up to higher ground, go up to the 3rd floor or higher in a reinforced concrete building.
- If you are driving, follow the Tsunami Evacuation Route signs that lead to designated assembly areas.
- Stay away from coastal areas large waves may continue to come onshore for several hours. Wait until government officials issue an "all clear".
- ♦ Listen to local news for updates

# UNDERSTAND U.S. TSUNAMI ALERTS

## **INFORMATION STATEMENT**

**RELAX** – An earthquake has occurred, or a tsunami warning, advisory, or watch has been issued for another part of the ocean. Most in- formation statements indicate there is no threat of a destructive tsunami.

### WATCH

**BE AWARE** – A distant earthquake has occurred. A tsunami is possible. Stay tuned for more information. Be prepared to take action if necessary.

### **ADVISORY**

**TAKE ACTION** – A tsunami with potential for strong currents or waves dangerous to those in or very near the water is expected or occurring. There may be flooding of beach and harbor areas. Stay out of the water and away from beaches and waterways. Follow instructions from local officials.

#### WARNING

**TAKE ACTION –DANGER!!** A tsunami that may cause widespread flooding is expected or occurring. Dangerous coastal flooding and powerful currents are possible and may continue for several hours or days after initial arrival. Follow instructions from local officials. Evacuation is recommended. Move to high ground or inland.

Note: Tsunami warnings, advisories, and watches may be updated or canceled as information becomes available. Advisories and watches may be upgraded if the threat is determined to be greater than originally thought.

# **TSUNAMI REFERENCE GUIDE**



Naval Base Guam Emergency Operations Center at: 671-333-2850/2851 or M-GU-NBG-EOC-OPS@fe.navy.mil for more information.

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# WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT TSUNAMIS

Tsunamis are a series of waves generated by a sudden change of ocean water level, most often caused by an earthquake, but also by landslides and volcanic eruptions.

## A Tsunami:

- ⇒ Is like a fast rising flood and strikes with devastating force
- ⇒ Moves faster than you can run.
- ⇒ Is a series of waves that may continue for hours. The first wave may not be the last or the strongest.

# Warning signs of a Tsunami:

- ⇒ A strong earthquake
- ⇒ A sudden rise or fall of the ocean tide
- ⇒ A load roaring sound coming from the ocean

