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**TITLE:** Tsunami Warning Evacuation News Clips and Video Footage

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0:16 min 1946 Hilo, Hawai'i tsunami wave (actual)  
0:29 min Simulations of tsunami wave destroying parking lot and building  
6:43 min 1986 and 1994 Hawai'i News Clips during tsunami event (actual)

**1995 Greenland Tsunami:**

Filmed by a local resident, this footage shows a small tsunami wave that was generated by the calving of an iceberg into the sea. The wave is small at first but builds in size crashing into a nearby coast where fishing boats are tossed and broken apart.

**1946 Aleutian Islands Tsunami attacking Hilo, Hawai'i:**

Provided by the Pacific Tsunami Museum, this rare footage shows people running down the street, fleeing the tsunami wave that is rushing towards them in the background. Segments show damage to Hilo town, buildings, and houses.

**Tsunami Wave Simulations:**

1. A wave crashes through a hotel parking garage tossing vehicles against the walls and flooding the garage. 2. A wave crashes into a building splintering wood and completely destroying the structure. Created by the Discovery Channel for the documentary, "Raging Planet, Tidal Wave," (1997).

**1986 and 1994 News Clips:**

A compilation of Hawai'i TV news segments which aired when official tsunami warnings were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in 1986 and 1994 for the State of Hawai'i. Evacuations were ordered by Hawai'i Civil Defense during both events but the tsunamis turned out to be non-destructive. It is estimated that the evacuations cost the state \$40 million in 1986. Adjusted to today's economy, an evacuation would cost \$75 million. The news clips focus on the evacuation of O'ahu and particularly Waikiki, O'ahu.

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