

WHAT TO DO?

SENSING A TSUNAMI



Tsunamis can be detected using our human senses.
Recognize a tsunami's natural warning signs.

FEEL

- Big local earthquakes may cause tsunamis.
- **FEEL** the ground shaking severely, or for a long time?

SEE

- Tsunami may be preceded by a rapid fall in sea level as the ocean recedes, exposing reefs, rocks, and fishes on the sea bottom.
- Tsunami often come ashore as a wall of water, and quickly flood inland.
- **SEE** an unusual disappearance of water, or oncoming wall of water?

HEAR

- Abnormal ocean activity, a wall of water, and approaching tsunami create a loud "roaring" sound similar to that of a train or jet aircraft.
- **HEAR** the roar?

RUN

- Don't wait for official evacuation orders.
- Immediately leave low-lying coastal areas.
- Move inland to higher ground.
- **RUN** if you see a tsunami coming!

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