

BE TSUNAMI SMART

When at the beach, if you:

1 FEEL

**STRONG
SHAKING...**

2 HEAR

**A STRANGE
ROAR FROM
THE SEA...**

3 SEE

**THE WATER WITHDRAW
AN UNUSUAL DISTANCE
FROM THE SHORE...**

RUN!

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- ✓ The word "tsunami" (pronounced soo-NAH-mee) is derived from 2 Japanese words, "tsu" meaning harbour and "nami" meaning wave.
- ✓ A tsunami is usually a series of travelling ocean waves and the first wave is often not the largest. The next wave may be bigger, and the tsunami may last for hours.
- ✓ More than 80% of the world's tsunamis were caused by earthquakes.
- ✓ The travel time for a local tsunami is generally less than 1 hour, and may be as little as 10 minutes.
- ✓ Where the ocean is very deep, tsunami waves can travel as fast as a commercial jet. This means that a tsunami can move from one side of an ocean to the other in less than a day.
- ✓ A small tsunami at one beach can be a giant wave a few miles away.
- ✓ If a Tsunami Warning is issued, NEVER go down to the beach to watch the waves come in.

Quick! A Tsunami is coming, and you need to find your way from School, Home, and Church to your family's Safe Point at high ground or inland! **RUN!**

