In the last two hundred years, there have been at least three tsunami that were more than 10 metres high at New Zealand’s coast. There have also been several smaller tsunami. Plus, Māori mythology speaks of large tsunami. Some were caused by distant earthquakes some by underwater quakes not far off the coast. For the close ones, there’s very little warning before they arrive.

DID YOU KNOW
Tsunami could happen anywhere on New Zealand’s coast with hardly any warning. Are you ready?

1860 EAST COAST
4m tsunami waves after a massive earthquake off the coast of Chile

1947 GISBORNE
10m tsunami waves after a local earthquake

2007 WEST COAST
1.1m tsunami wave from Solomon Islands tsunami

1855 WAIRARAPA
10m tsunami waves after a local earthquake

2004 TIMARU
1m tsunami wave from South East Asia Boxing Day tsunami

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