Don’t wait to act, if you experience any of these warnings evacuate immediately inland or to higher ground:

**TYPES OF TSUNAMI WARNINGS**

**NATURAL**

- **A long earthquake**
  - A long (more than a minute) or strong (makes it hard to walk or stand up) earthquake

- **Sea level change**
  - A sudden rise or fall in sea level

- **Unusual noises**
  - Unusual noises from the sea (noises like jet planes or trains)

**OFFICIAL**

Ask your local council what types of warning systems are used in your area. Ways to warn people include:

- **TV**
- **Apps**
- **Radio**
- **Social media, website and email**
- **Text alerts**
- **Sirens and PA systems**

**INFORMAL**

Warnings may come from friends, neighbours, your community or international media. If they seem trustworthy, consider evacuating.

- **Friends, neighbours and the public**

Check the accuracy of the warning once you have evacuated or en route if it won’t slow you down. You can check the warnings via NZ TV/radio broadcasts, local Civil Defence and emergency services.

**DID YOU KNOW**

A system of sensors across the pacific called the Pacific Tsunami Warning System allow the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management to watch for tsunami activity.

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