TYPES OF TSUNAMI WARNINGS

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

NATURAL



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



Social media. website and email



Apps



Text alerts



Radio



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.



