

Tsunami Evacuation Director's Guideline 2025

Tsunami risk awareness and evacuation preparedness are key to keeping our communities safe.



What's new?

A **Blue Zone** will replace all other tsunami evacuation zones across Aotearoa New Zealand. The Blue Zone should be evacuated following a long or strong earthquake.

One tsunami evacuation zone makes tsunami evacuation much simpler, especially for local tsunami. These tsunami could arrive within an hour, meaning there is no time for an official warning.

The new guideline provides a nationally consistent approach to tsunami evacuation. The intended audience is Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Groups and local authorities.

When will the changes happen?

CDEM Groups have until July 2031 to update their zones. Progress towards this will be checked in two years' time.

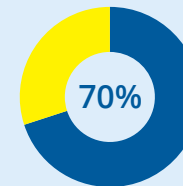


All of Aotearoa New Zealand's coastline is exposed to tsunami risk



Half a million

Approximate number of people in Aotearoa New Zealand who live in tsunami evacuation zones



Percent of people who may successfully evacuate with current tsunami awareness and preparedness rates

The guideline is available for download at: civildefence.govt.nz/cdem-sector/guidelines

Along with the Blue Zone, the new guidance also has information on:

Tsunami
evacuation
maps

Tsunami
evacuation
routes

Tsunami zones
for planning

Tsunami signage

Community
engagement &
public education