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Press Release 4

**EVACTUATION NOTICE**

A national Tsunami threat has been issued following a 9.2 magnitude earthquake near the Kermadec Islands. The tsunami is due to hit the West Coast and the Grey District from 1pm today, waves of excess of **5-8 metres** are expected. A National State of emergency has been declared

PARENTS ARE URGED TO COLLECT CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL AND EVACUATE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY – **THOSE WHO NEED TRANSPORT PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING PICK UP POINTS:**

**CENTRAL GREYMOUTH: Recreation centre, McDonalds, Karoro Learning, Aquatic Centre**

**COBDEN: Cobden School**

**BLAKETOWN: Blaketown School, Band Hall South end of Messenger Park**

People in the areas of Cobden and Punakaiki areas should evacuate to Runanga

Those in Central Greymouth should evacuate to Dobson and Gloriavale, all others to Shantytown

Expect traffic congestion

Stay off beaches and shore areas  
Do not go sightseeing  
Share this information with family, neighbours and friends  
Listen to the radio and/or TV for updates – The Hits 93 FM and Radio Hauraki 105.1  
Follow instructions of local civil defence authorities

**Important – The first wave activity may not be the most significant. Tsunami activity will continue for several hours and the threat must be regarded as real until this warning is cancelled**

**Useful websites:**<http://www.civildefence.govt.nz/>   
<http://www.getthru.govt.nz/>

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