



# GISBORNE TSUNAMI EVACUATION AREA



Distant & Local Tsunami Evacuation Area

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**LOCAL OR REGIONAL TSUNAMI**

A local or regional Tsunami can be caused by

- A massive earthquake or one that is **LONG** (an earthquake that goes on for a minute or longer) or **STRONG** (violent earthquake that is difficult to stand up straight) or
- A landslide under the sea or into the sea (people see a sudden rise or fall in sea level or hear loud and unusual noises from the sea).

If a local Tsunami is generated it will arrive between 15-30 minutes after the earthquake.

A regional Tsunami may arrive around 1- 1½ hours after the earthquake.

If there is no Tsunami generated after **2** hours or Tairawhiti Civil Defence advises you sooner, it will be safe to go home.

**What to do:**

- Make sure you know whether you are in the area that's needs to be evacuated. See the map on the other side of this page.
- **Our advice is that should you experience a LONG OR STRONG earthquake and live in the Tsunami evacuation area, you should self-evacuate inland outside the Tsunami evacuation area. You need to move as soon as possible.**
- If you are inland from the evacuation zone area shown on the map you can stay where you are.
- **You should make plans with your whanau/family before an emergency like this occurs.** Discuss and organise to stay with family or friends living outside the Tsunami evacuation area. Make sure all family members know where you will go and who will care for the elderly or those in need in your whanau and the wider community.
- **Kahutia/Anzac St** Just walk down one of the side streets to Childers Rd (stay out of CBD)
- **South Waikanae Creek** If you can walk across a bridge then head to Childers Rd and then towards the Western Hills (stay out of the CBD). If you can't get across a bridge or need to drive then go along Awapuni Rd towards the Jolly Stockman, once clear of McDonalds Rd you are safe – **PLEASE** obey the road rules.
- If you can't leave the zone and live in a multi-storey building, go upstairs.
- If you have children at Awapuni School or Victoria Childcare you need to find out what their plans are - **DO NOT** wait until the earthquake happens to find out
- Take your getaway kit if you have one.
- You should listen to the radio; Radio Ngati Porou on either 585AM or 93.3FM, NewsTalk ZB on 945AM, The Hits on 90.9FM, Turanga FM on 91.7FM, or More FM on 98.9FM for information updates (other stations will also have the same information).



**THERE WILL BE NO WARNINGS FOR A LOCALISED TSUNAMI**

**DISTANT TSUNAMI**

A distant Tsunami is caused when an earthquake occurs in another region of the Pacific, in our case the threat is from the West Coast of South America, especially Peru. There will be warnings issued for these events, as there is usually many hours (about 11 - 14 hours in most cases) between the earthquake and the arrival of a tsunami.

We will declare a Civil Defence Emergency if we believe evacuations are necessary for a distant tsunami threat and have plenty of time to do so.

**What To Do:**

- Make sure you know whether you are in the area that could be evacuated, see the map on the other side of this page.
- Police, Fire and your Civil Defence Team will initiate the evacuation by door knocking. Please do exactly as they say, there will be no need to panic as you will have plenty of time.
- **You should make plans with your whanau/family before an emergency like this occurs.** Discuss and organise to stay with family or friends living outside the Tsunami evacuation area. Make sure all family members know where you will go and who will care for the elderly or those in need in your whanau and the wider community. If you have nowhere to go you could go to the Mangapapa Church in Ormond Road.
- You should also listen to the radio; Radio Ngati Porou on either 585AM or 93.3FM, NewsTalk ZB on 945AM, The Hits on 90.9FM, Turanga FM on 91.7FM, or More FM on 98.9FM for information updates (other stations will also have the same information).
- Follow the direction of the Police and Civil Defence. If you hear information that conflicts with what you have been told by Police or Civil Defence – obey the information you are given by them. It is possible you will be evacuated for up to 24 hours.
- If you have kids at the Awapuni School or Victoria Childcare there will be plenty of time to pick them up or arrange for a family member to.
- Take your getaway kit if you have one.

**\* People camping will have time to pack up and go home (if their home is outside the Tsunami evacuation area) or move to a safe area inland.**