

Reading the Signs - Sensing a Tsunami

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Tsunamis can be detected by our human senses. There are a number of simple natural warning signs which can save your life if you are familiar with them.

Feel

- Strong local earthquakes may cause tsunamis.

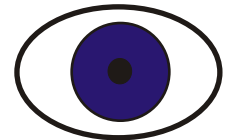
FEEL the ground shaking severely?



See

- As a tsunami approaches shorelines, water may recede from the coast, exposing the ocean floor, reefs, and fishes.

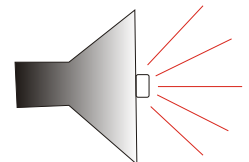
SEE an unusual disappearance of water?



Hear

- Abnormal ocean activity, a wall of water, and approaching tsunamis create a loud "roaring" sound similar to that of a train or jet aircraft.

HEAR the roar?



Run

- Don't wait for official evacuation orders.
- Immediately leave low-lying coastal areas.
- Move inland to higher ground.
- If that is not possible take refuge on the top floor of a tall, steel enforced concrete building.

RUN if you see a tsunami coming!

