General Tsunami Survival Tips

1. Get prepared, long before anything happens
   - Familiarize yourself with your hotel for evacuation procedures and routes
   - Ask your hotel to explain to you the hotel tsunami evacuation procedures as well as what to do when on the beach, away from your hotel
   - Ask the hotel about official tsunami evacuation procedures [e.g. sirens, flags etc.]
   - If available study the official evacuation map for your area and get familiar with its evacuation procedures
   - Discuss procedures within your travel partner
   - Participate in drills and information events
   - Identify strong buildings, hills or other potential tsunami evacuation spots within your immediate area so you know where to seek shelter if you are on your own [the higher up the better, the further away from the beach the better]

2. If a tsunami alarm is issued, follow the instructions
   - Move away from the beach immediately as a precautionary measure!
   - Listen to announcements from the hotel and follow the instructions.
   - If not in reach of your hotel move to higher ground and as far away from the beach as possible immediately.
   - Don’t waste time – better be safe than sorry!

3. If you feel an earthquake, protect yourself
   - Don’t panic!
   - Drop, cover and hold!

4. After an earthquake, be aware that a tsunami may follow
   - Move away from the beach immediately as a precautionary measure!
   - After strong and prolonged ground shaking, don’t wait for an official warning.
   - Listen to announcements from the hotel and follow the instructions.
   - If you are not close to your hotel turn to local authorities and the radio for further information. Pay attention to sirens where available!

After the first tsunami wave, more waves are likely to follow!
Wait for an official “All Clear” message before leaving shelter

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