

## PREPARE A **GRAB-N-GO BAG** TODAY

Assemble a 3-day kit to take with you when you evacuate. Include:

- ◆ Food and Water
- ◆ Medications and copies of prescriptions
- ◆ A change of clothes and comfortable shoes
- ◆ Personal hygiene and first aid supplies
- ◆ Special items such as diapers, formula or special food requirements
- ◆ Pet carrier, leash and pet food
- ◆ Copies of your important documents

Keep the items that you would most likely need for evacuation in a backpack, duffle bag or a wheeled cooler in an easily accessible location.

**KEEP THIS FLIER IN  
YOUR EMERGENCY  
GRAB-N-GO BAG**



**CLASS 1**

Huntington Beach Fire Department  
Emergency Management & Homeland Security

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# Tsunami Emergency Information

Sumatra tsunami hitting Koh Pu, Thailand



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## WHAT IS A TSUNAMI?

A tsunami is a *series* of waves, usually caused by an earthquake. The first wave may **NOT** be the largest. The timing between the waves may vary from minutes to several hours apart. The danger from a tsunami can last for several hours after the first wave.

All low-lying coastal areas, including Huntington Beach, can be struck by a tsunami. Scientists estimate that if a tsunami hits the Orange County coast, it could generate waves as great as 32-foot high. The waves can move inland across PCH faster than a person can run.

The force of a tsunami often carries boats, debris and heavy rocks a great distance inland. This water and debris moves with great force and can kill or injure people.



## HOW SHOULD YOU REACT?

An earthquake near our coast could cause a **LOCAL TSUNAMI**. The first wave could arrive within 10 minutes. If you feel a strong earthquake near the beach **EVACUATE THE RED AREA SHOWN ON THE MAP INSIDE!** If you're on the beach, leave your car and walk or run inland to higher ground immediately.

An earthquake elsewhere in the Pacific Ocean (e.g., near Alaska, Chile, Hawaii or Japan) could create a **PACIFIC-WIDE TSUNAMI**. The waves may reach our coastline within an hour. As soon as you hear a Tsunami Warning, pack up your family and pets and drive inland.



*Evacuate immediately when a Tsunami Warning is issued—Traffic jams may occur.*

## HOW WILL YOU KNOW A TSUNAMI IS COMING?

- ◆ Huntington Beach officials may activate the city's warning siren system.
- ◆ When you hear a warning siren, tune to radio station KWVE 107.9 FM for the Emergency Alerting System message.
- ◆ Follow evacuation instructions.
- ◆ As you evacuate, listen to your car radio for additional information and updates.
- ◆ A test of the warning sirens is performed on the first Friday of each month at 12:00 noon.

## SCHOOL EVACUATION INFORMATION

The schools listed below are an evacuation priority. If the school is evacuating, pick up your child at the Evacuation Shelter listed.

Schools	Evacuation Shelter
Eader, Peterson and Sowers Brethren Christian, Huntington Christian	Orange Coast Community College
Edison High School	Fountain Valley High
Golden View, Hope View, Marine View, Mesa View, and Harbour View	Golden West College

## TSUNAMI SIGNS

Signs have been posted on the beach and on major streets along the coast to help residents and visitors identify the Tsunami Hazard Zone and Evacuation Routes.



## WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

**Move away from low-lying coastal areas when you feel a strong earthquake or if a Tsunami Warning is issued.**

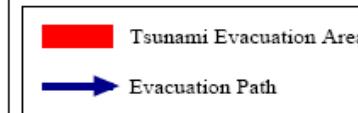
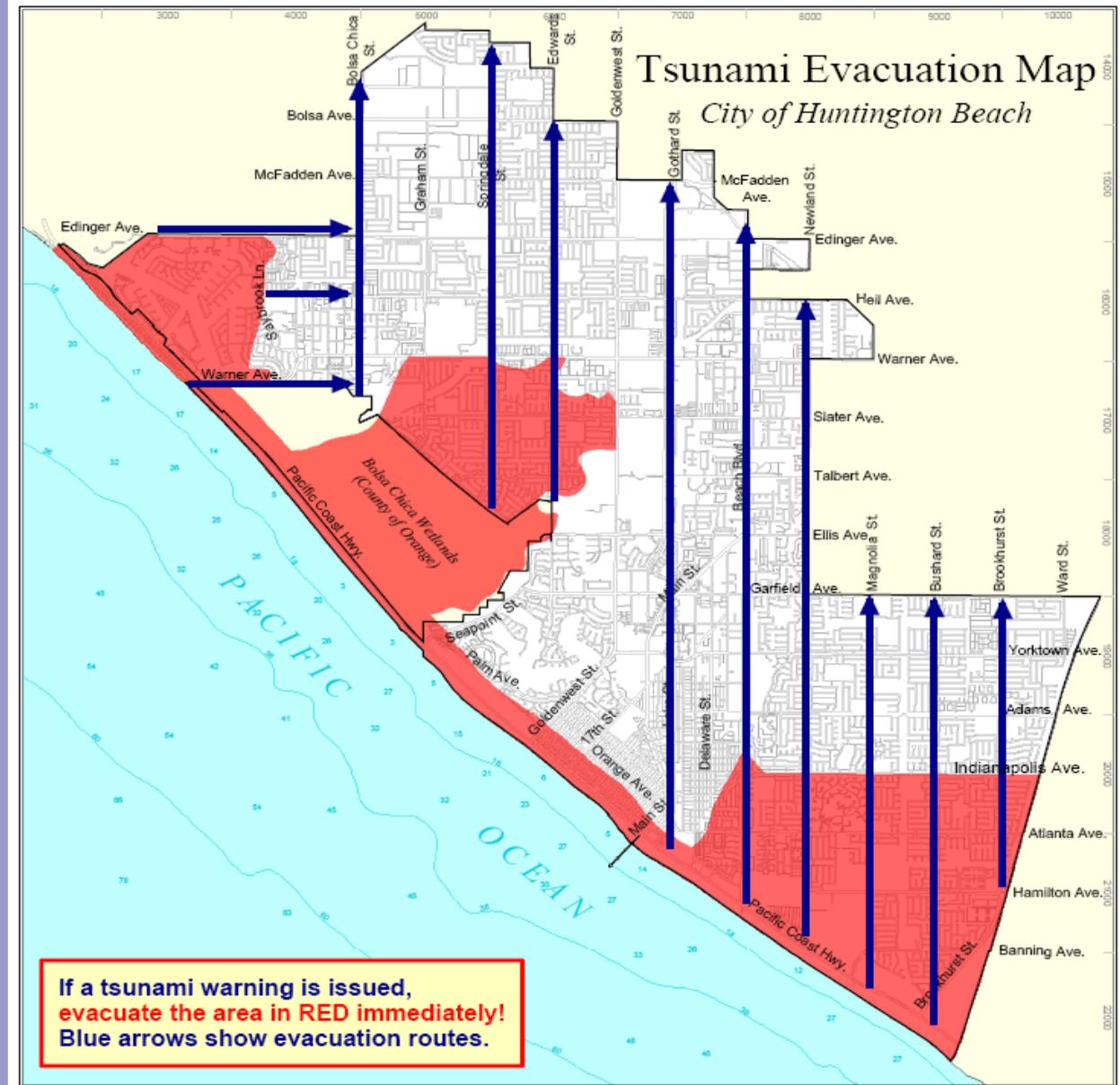
- ◆ **Check the map** to see if you live, work or attend school in the Tsunami Zone.
- ◆ **If you are on or near the beach** and feel a strong earthquake, immediately move inland to higher ground. Don't wait for a Tsunami Warning to be issued.
- ◆ **If you're in the Tsunami Evacuation Zone** when a Tsunami Warning is issued, **EVACUATE**. Follow evacuation routes to a safe place inland.
- ◆ **Do NOT call 9-1-1.** Listen to radio station KWVE 107.9 FM for emergency information.
- ◆ **If your child is at school** when a Tsunami Warning is issued, confirm with the School District Office that your child's school is evacuating. If it is evacuating, pick up your child at the designated Evacuation Shelter. (see chart at left)
- ◆ **If you are unable to move inland**, find refuge above the third floor in a high-rise, multi-story, reinforced-concrete building.
- ◆ Do not return home until authorities say it is safe to do so.

**Fortunately, a tsunami is a rare event. You can protect your family by evacuating promptly if a Tsunami Warning is issued.**

***This information could save your life! Share it with your family, neighbors & friends.***

For more information on a tsunami, visit

[WCATWC.ARH.NOAA.GOV](http://WCATWC.ARH.NOAA.GOV)



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WHEN USING THIS MAP

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