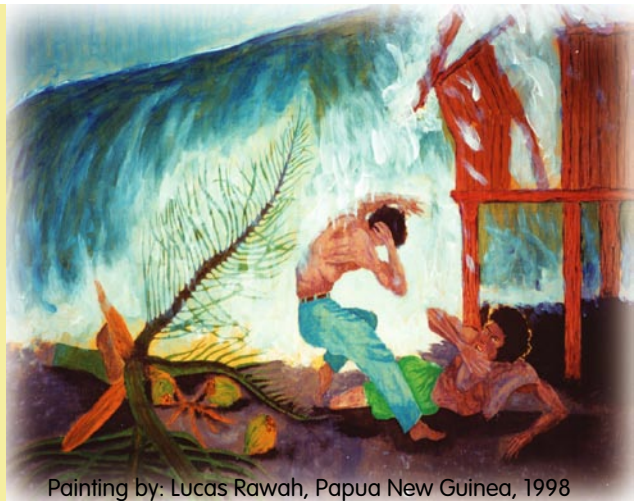


# WHAT TO DO?

## IF THERE IS A TSUNAMI WARNING IN HAWAII



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1. If you are at the beach or near the ocean and you feel the earth shake, move immediately to higher ground. **DO NOT** wait for a tsunami warning to be announced. Stay away from rivers and streams that lead to the ocean as you would stay away from the beach and ocean if there is a tsunami. A tsunami from a local earthquake could strike some areas before a tsunami warning could be announced.
2. Tsunamis generated in distant locations will generally give people enough time to move to higher ground. For locally-generated tsunamis, where you might feel the ground shake, you may only have a few minutes to move to higher ground.
3. When the sirens go off, immediately turn on your radio, TV, or NOAA Weather Radio for additional information.
4. If you are in school and you hear there is a tsunami warning, you should follow the advice of teachers and other school personnel.
5. If you are at home and hear there is a tsunami warning, you should make sure your entire family is aware of the warning. Your family should evacuate your house if you live in a tsunami evacuation zone. Move in an orderly, calm and safe manner to the evacuation site or to any safe place outside your evacuation zone. Follow the advice of local emergency and law enforcement authorities.
6. High, multi-story, reinforced concrete buildings are located in many low-lying coastal areas. The upper floors of these buildings can provide a safe place to find refuge should there be a tsunami warning and you cannot move quickly inland to higher ground. Homes and small buildings located in low lying coastal areas are not designed to withstand tsunami impacts. Do not stay in these structures should there be a tsunami warning.
7. To find out if your home is in an inundation area, look at the white pages of the phone book or use the tsunami map tool at <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/ptwc/hawaii.php>



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