WHAT TO DO? SENSING A TSUNAMI





Tsunamis can be detected by use of our human senses.

* TOUCH

- Strong local earthquakes may cause tsunamis.
- FEEL the ground shaking severely? Immediately evacuate low-lying coastal areas and move inland to higher ground!

^t SIGHT

- As a tsunami approaches shorelines, water may recede from the coast, exposing the ocean floor and reefs.
- SEE an unusual disappearance of water? Immediately evacuate low-lying coastal areas and move inland to higher ground!

* SOUND

- The abnormal ocean activity, a wall of water, and approaching tsunami waves create a loud "roaring" sound similar to that of a train or jet aircraft.
- HEAR the roar? Immediately evacuate low-lying coastal areas and move inland to higher ground

Don't wait for official evacuation orders.

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