

TSUNAMI

ACTION GUIDE

BE PREPARED

- ▶ Discuss a family response plan to activate in the case of a tsunami event.
- ▶ Have an emergency kit on hand, including a battery operated radio, torch and spare batteries.
- ▶ Keep a list of emergency numbers handy.

BE ALERT

- ▶ The Joint Australian Tsunami Warning Centre may issue official tsunami warnings through the media (eg radio, television and internet), police and emergency authorities, Lifeguards or Surf Lifesavers. Listen carefully.
- ▶ You may also, but not always, experience natural warning signs of tsunami when you are on or near the coast in Australia or overseas. You may feel the earth shake, see the ocean drop/ recede or hear an unusual roaring sound from the ocean.

ACT SAFE IF A WARNING IS ISSUED

- ▶ If you are on or near the beach, immediately move inland or to higher ground. If you cannot move inland, seek shelter in the upper levels of a sturdy multi-storey building.
- ▶ Walk to safety to avoid traffic jams.
- ▶ Take only essential items that you can carry (eg important papers, family photographs and medical needs).
- ▶ Check that your neighbours have received this advice.
- ▶ If your boat is in deep ocean, maintain your position until further advised. If your boat is moored or in shallow water, secure your vessel and move inland or to higher ground.
- ▶ Continue to follow instructions from the relevant State or Territory emergency authority. They will inform the public when it is safe to return to the affected area.

KEEP INFORMED

- ▶ If you receive an official tsunami warning, listen to your local radio, TV announcements and emergency service messages.
- ▶ For further updates on the tsunami threat you can also visit the Bureau of Meteorology's website www.bom.gov.au/tsunami or call 1300 TSUNAMI (1300 878 6264).
- ▶ For tsunami assistance call SES on 132 500 (or if in Tas or NT police assistance on 131 444).

For further information please visit the following websites:
www.bom.gov.au/tsunami www.ga.gov.au/hazards/tsunami
www.ema.gov.au/tsunami

