

California Tsunami Preparedness Week

Understand the risk. Take Action. Stay Ready.

Did you know? Over **7 million people** in the San Francisco Bay Area are at risk of tsunami impacts, with the highest risk affecting coastal communities and cities along the immediate Bayshore. There is a more than **40% chance** of a potentially damaging tsunami occurring within the next **50 years**.

What is a Tsunami? A tsunami is a series of **large ocean waves caused by underwater earthquakes or volcanic eruptions**. Waves grow higher and faster as they approach shore, increasing the risk of damage.

Why Awareness Matters? The Alameda County Social Services Agency (ACSSA) leads **County Mass Care and Shelter operations, coordinating essential services such as shelter, food, and childcare during emergencies**. In recognition of California Tsunami Preparedness Week (**March 22–30**), we encourage the community to stay informed and prepared.

Are You Prepared? We all play a role in protecting ourselves, our loved ones, and our communities. Take these steps to be tsunami-ready:

- **Know your risk:** Check tsunami hazard areas for your home and workplace using [Cal My Hazards](#) and the [Tsunami Hazard Area Map](#).
- **Make a plan:** Create or review your [emergency plan](#) and build an [emergency supply kit](#).
- **Know where to go:** Identify your [evacuation zone and routes](#).

Take care and stay safe!

[The Office of Public Affairs, Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management \(DPEM\)](#).



From risk awareness to action.

- **Stay alert:** [Sign up](#) for local alerts and recognize tsunami warnings.
- **Act quickly:** Evacuate immediately if directed by authorities—do not delay.
- **Stay informed:** Follow updates from local officials and trusted sources.

To learn more about tsunami preparedness visit tsunamizone.org or ready.gov/tsunamis.