



CAPITAL REGION TSUNAMI INFORMATION

City of Victoria



The City of Victoria is at risk of experiencing tsunami hazards from a number of potential local or distant sources.

The tsunami hazard zone map seen here is based on the 11 most likely, impactful and high-risk tsunami sources for our region.

The green safe zone covers most of the City and those in the hazard zones don't have far to travel to get to safety.



Scan to open this map in VicMap.

Visit victoriaready.ca

- ▲ Learn more about preparing for tsunamis and other hazards
- ▲ Register for a free emergency preparedness workshop
- ▲ Subscribe to Vic-Alert

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Capital Region Emergency Programs are working together with community partners for emergency preparedness and resilience.

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Before a Tsunami

PLAN & PREPARE

- ▲ Check out the map on this brochure to get to know the tsunami hazard and safe zones.
- ▲ If you live, work, play or go to school in a hazard zone, practice your evacuation routes on foot or by bike.
- ▲ Have grab & go bags ready for your family and pets. For a list of what to include, visit victoriaready.ca.
- ▲ Have a plan that includes evacuation routes, emergency contacts, designated meeting places and family or friends you can stay with who are not in a tsunami hazard zone.



Subscribe to Vic-Alert, Victoria's emergency notification system.

TSUNAMI ALERTS

There are two types of tsunamis: local and distant.

- ▲ Local tsunami: the shaking is your warning that a tsunami may be coming. Don't wait for an official warning to take action.
- ▲ Distant tsunami: will happen far away and could take hours to reach our coastline. Authorities will let you know if any action is necessary by issuing one of the following alerts.

TSUNAMI ALERT LEVELS

WARNING	Flood wave possible	<i>Full evacuation suggested</i>
ADVISORY	Strong currents likely	<i>Stay away from shore</i>
WATCH	Danger level not yet known	<i>Stay alert for more information</i>
INFORMATION STATEMENT	Minor waves at most	<i>No action suggested</i>
CANCELLATION	Tidal gauges show no wave activity	<i>Confirm safety for local areas</i>



During a Tsunami

TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY

If you feel strong shaking from an earthquake, drop, cover and hold on. Count to 60 once the shaking stops, get your grab & go bag and immediately move into the tsunami safe zone. Do not wait for an official warning.

If you receive an evacuation notification, move outside the hazard zone as soon as possible.



- ▲ **Drop, cover and hold on** until the shaking stops.



- ▲ **Leave the hazard zone immediately** and move to the tsunami safe zone shown on the map.
- ▲ Do not travel by car so roads are clear for emergency responders.
- ▲ Move away from beaches, marinas and bodies of water.
- ▲ If outside the hazard zone and safe, stay where you are.



- ▲ **Do not return to the hazard zone** until authorities say it is safe, tsunami waves may arrive for hours.
- ▲ Stay tuned to local media for updates.
- ▲ Do not go near the water to watch.

In the event of a tsunami, authorities will communicate instructions using various methods.

- ▲ The Province will issue an alert to mobile phones, radio and television using its Alert Ready system.
- ▲ The City of Victoria will give local updates and instructions through Vic-Alert which you must subscribe to receive.

Remember - if you feel strong shaking from an earthquake, do not wait for a tsunami alert, immediately move into the safe zone.



After a Tsunami

- ▲ Stay away from tsunami hazard zones until authorities say it is safe to return.
- ▲ Do not call 911 unless you have a life-threatening emergency.
- ▲ Stay off phone lines so they can be used by emergency responders.
- ▲ Stay tuned to trusted media sources for instructions and updates.

Check PrepareYourself.ca to find out which system your local government uses if you are not in the City of Victoria.

To learn more about tsunami preparedness and sign up for Vic-Alert, visit VictoriaReady.ca