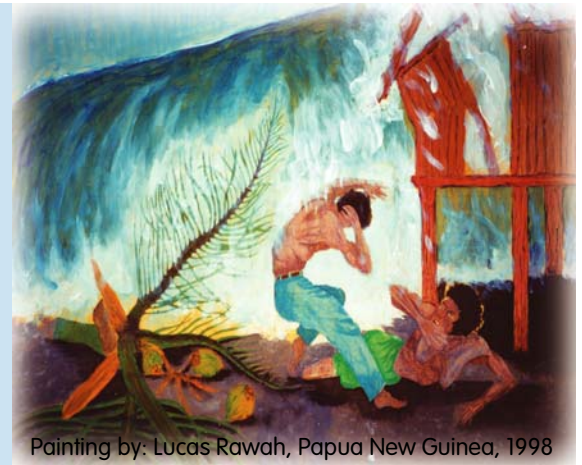


# WHAT TO DO?

## IF THERE IS A TSUNAMI WARNING IN AMERICAN SAMOA



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1. If you are near the shoreline and you feel an earthquake, move immediately inland to higher ground. **DO NOT** wait for a tsunami warning to be announced. Stay away from rivers and streams that lead to the ocean. 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 you are in a safe location, turn on a radio, TV, or NOAA Weather Radio for emergency information. NOAA Weather Radios can be a life saving tool. These high frequency receivers can be set to turn themselves on automatically whenever a severe weather or tsunami warning is issued by the National Weather Service Pago Pago.
4. If you are in school and you hear there is a tsunami warning, you should follow the advice of teachers and 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 and move to higher ground if you live in a low-lying area near the coast.
6. If you are in a multi-story, reinforced concrete building, and there is no time to evacuate, immediately move to the highest level. Homes and small buildings located in low-lying coastal areas are not designed to withstand tsunami impact. Do not stay in these structures if there is a tsunami warning.

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