



APRIL IS TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII

NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE

It is not a matter of *if*, but *when*, the next tsunami will strike.

As most of you know, April is [Tsunami Awareness Month](#). It commemorates Hawaii's worst tsunami – the April 1, 1946 tsunami that caused casualties on all islands. This year marks 76 years since the event. With that in mind, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency ([HI-EMA](#)), and NOAA's Pacific Tsunami Warning Center ([PTWC](#)) and International Tsunami Information Center ([ITIC](#)) would like to remind everyone to ***Plan Ahead, Be Prepared, and Get #TsunamiReady Now!*** You are shaping the minds of our most precious population, our children. It has been proven that if you teach the children, they will teach the adults.

During April or May, we invite your school to schedule [Tsunamis Live Hawaii](#), a fun, interactive virtual 'Tsunami Ready' activity using the Kahoot learning platform. If you are interested, please contact ITIC by E-mail (itic.tsunami@noaa.gov) or Phone (808-725-6050).

The PTWC would like to remind you that the tsunami knows no season and can occur at any time. Hawaii is prone to both local tsunamis, such as the 1975 Kalapana tsunami that hit within minutes, and distant tsunamis, such as the 2011 Japan tsunami that took seven hours to reach us.

The ITIC would like to share its awareness materials. *Tsunamis in Hawaii*, *Hawaii Historical Tsunami Effects*, *Observed Tsunami Runups*, and *Tsunami Event Videos* show the impacts from past tsunamis. Visit hawaiiitsunami.org for one-stop Hawaii Tsunami Information.

The State would like to remind everyone to have an [Emergency Plan](#) and [14-day Emergency Kit](#) ready, as well as a [Go Bag](#) when it is time to evacuate. Make plans now to #Get2HIGround when needed!

For information on receiving alerts and where to evacuate, contact your County Emergency Management or Civil Defense Agency. Consult '[Tsunami Facts](#),' which provides important facts you need to know – it's customized by County and available in 14 languages.

Tsunamis are a part of everyone's story and we want every child to know what to do when they hear the warning siren and / or experience any of the natural tsunami warning signs (Feel, See, Hear). Evacuate during a tsunami warning if you are in evacuation zones - stay put if you are not.

Mahalo for your dedication to the education and well-being of Hawaii's children!

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