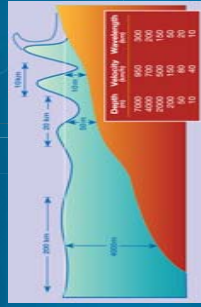


A GUIDE TO TSUNAMIS FOR HOTEL GUESTS

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- In the deep ocean tsunamis travel at a jet airplane speeds but the waves are only centimetres high and cannot be felt aboard ships.
- Tsunamis slow down and grow in height tremendously upon entering shallow water.
- Tsunamis could crest to 10 meters high heights; and it can strike with devastating force, and quickly flood all low-lying coastal areas



WHAT IS A TSUNAMI

- Tsunami is a Japanese word closely translating to 'harbour wave'.
- Tsunamis can happen during the day or night at anytime of the year.
- Tsunamis are generated as a result of water displacement usually triggered by a seismic event such as earthquake. Landslides, volcanic eruptions, nuclear explosions, and even impacts of objects from outer space (such as meteoroids, asteroids, and comets) can also generate tsunamis.
- Tsunamis are a series of waves that may impact coastlines for several hours. The first wave may not be the largest.
- Tsunami waves can come ashore in many different ways among which are: a wall of water (resembling white wash), a rapidly rising tide, and a series of surf like breakers.

TSUNAMI EVACUATION PROCEDURES

IN CASE OF TSUNAMI EVACUATION FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES EACH STEP FOR THE SAFETY OF YOURSELF AND OTHER PEOPLE
TSUNAMI EVACUATION INSTRUCTION HAS TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY EVEN IN THE CASES OF NON-DESTRUCTIVE EVENT.

1. When you feel a strong earthquake and you can hardly stand, or you feel a slow shaking that continues for a longer time, a Tsunami may have been generated.
2. Stay calm and do not panic.
3. After the shaking stops, move calmly to the designated assemble area (always check evacuation area of the hotel), then wait for further instruction by the hotel officials / security.
4. If the sea level receded, exposing fishes and corals, then you should move quickly to higher ground (check if the hotel is a designated vertical evacuation building). Do not go to the beach to confirm or to watch the tsunami.
5. If you are swimming on the shore you might not feel the earthquake, always be mindful of what is happening on the beach. If you see people curiously gathered on the beach, move away from the sea and go to the assemble area.
6. Hotel officials/security will evacuate all guests to higher ground and/or safe area that have been officially designated as tsunami evacuation area. All instructions will be given using a microphone system and/or a megaphone. Listen, follow all of the instruction and move in an orderly manner to the evacuation area.
7. During a tsunami stay calm and do not panic. Do not leave the tsunami evacuation area until it is officially announced by the authorities that it is safe to leave the evacuation area. Tsunami will come in several waves and there are time gaps between the waves.
8. During a tsunami emergency, the hotel staff, local disaster management office, police and other emergency organization will try to save lives please follow all their instruction and give your full cooperation.



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