

TSUNAMI DO's AND DON'Ts



DO

- stay calm
- be prepared to evacuate to higher ground if necessary (grab your 72-hour kit, and/or grab-n-go bag)
- move to high ground if necessary (do not go to Viewpoint to watch for tsunami)
- move further inland if you cannot move to higher ground
- listen to public alert messaging system (subscribe to Voyent Alert) and check District of Kitimat social media feeds to updates (do not rely on social media from unofficial sources)
- if you are at sea, stay there. Boats are generally safer in water deeper than 20 metres. Ships are safest on high seas in water deeper than 100 metres
- be aware of secondary hazards such as landslides, flooding, contaminated water, mudflows, damaged buildings, bridges, and roads
- save phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. Use text messages or social media to communicate with family and friends

DON'T

- do not panic
- do not go closer to the water to watch for tsunami (this includes the Douglas Channel, Minette Bay, and Kitimat River)
- do not go to Viewpoint to watch for tsunami, this could block evacuation routes and cause a traffic jam
- do not wade in floodwaters, which can contain dangerous debris. Water may be deeper than it appears
- do not look for information on unofficial social media feeds (do download/subscribe to Voyent Alert and follow the District of Kitimat social media feeds)
- do not go down to marina to get your boat

