

We think you'll agree that one of the things that makes Tofino so uniquely spectacular is our rugged perch on the western shores of Vancouver Island. That said, what comes with our long, sandy beaches and panoramic Pacific Ocean views is the unpredictability of Mother Nature.

To increase safety and reaction time in the event of an earthquake, the District of Tofino installed tsunami warning systems on North Chesterman Beach and right here in Cox Bay.

And for the safety and comfort of our guests, Pacific Sands is the first and only resort property in Tofino to establish a comprehensive, onsite **Emergency Evacuation Plan** with **High Ground Assembly Area**, evacuation shelter and emergency supplies.

PACIFIC SANDS EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Key steps to follow during an earthquake, or if you hear tsunami warning/advisory/watch sirens:

- 1. During an earthquake, be sure to remain calm, stay INSIDE and DROP, COVER and HOLD ON.
- 2. After the shaking stops—or if the tsunami sirens sound—DO NOT pack your belongings. Grab your coat and immediately EXIT your suite.
- 3. DO NOT get in your vehicle and drive off of the property. The safest and quickest evacuation route is on foot to the High Ground Assembly Area —located at SUNSET HOUSE—at the NORTH end of the property.
- 4. Proceed to the High Ground Assembly Area by following the attached MAP and BLUE SIGNS while staying ALERT for dangerous obstacles.
- 5. GATHER at the High Ground Assembly Area and await further instructions.
- 6. DO NOT LEAVE the High Ground Assembly Area until the official 'All Clear' announcement has been given.

If you are OUTSIDE:

- 1. If you can safely do so, move to a clear area—avoiding buildings, power lines, trees, signs, vehicles and other hazards—and lay on the ground.
- 2. After the shaking stops, DO NOT return to your suite.
- 3. Follow the BLUE SIGNS and head immediately to the High Ground Assembly Area—located at SUNSET HOUSE—at the NORTH end of the property.

PACIFIC SANDS EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

In the event of an earthquake or tsunami warning/advisory/watch, our Emergency Evacuation Plan includes:

- A designated High Ground Assembly Area and evacuation shelter located at Sunset House at the north end of the property. The area is situated well above the recommended 20 metre safe zone.
- Onsite emergency supplies for 72 hours and up to 500 people.
- Fully trained staff to provide direction and assistance.
- Pacific Sands has also subscribed to the District of Tofino's early warning system and One Call website in order to receive the first and fastest alerts in real time emergencies.

Follow the blue signs.

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TSUNAMI WARNING SIREN - IMPORTANT TERMINOLOGY

If you hear the Tsunami Warning Siren sound in Cox Bay and/or North Chesterman Beach, be sure to listen to the audible broadcast. There are 6 types of bulletins:

- TSUNAMI WARNING: This is the highest and most serious level of tsunami notification indicating an imminent threat.
 - **ACTION**: Immediately follow the Emergency Evacuation Procedures outlined in this guide, and proceed to the High Ground Assembly Area.
- TSUNAMI ADVISORY: The second highest level of tsunami alert indicates potential strong currents along our coastline. Emergency management personnel may close beaches as well as evacuate harbours and marinas.
 - **ACTION**: Immediately follow the Emergency Evacuation Procedures outlined in this guide, and proceed to the High Ground Assembly Area.
- TSUNAMI WATCH: This is a notification based on early seismic information to provide advance notice of evacuation in the event that the area is upgraded to a warning.
 - ACTION: Immediately follow the Emergency Evacuation Procedures outlined in this guide, and proceed to the High Ground Assembly Area
- **INFORMATION**: This is an awareness notification. Tsunami information messages may be issues based only on preliminary seismic information without confirmation of a tsunami wave.
 - **ACTION**: Continue to listen for updates. If you are offsite, return immediately to Pacific Sands.
- CANCELLATION: This message is issued when a Warning, Advisory, or Watch message has been issued, but damaging waves have NOT been generated.
- ALL CLEAR: This message is issued when the further threat of a tsunami is over.

IN CASE OF FIRE

- 1. Remain calm and leave your suite.
- 2. If you see smoke under the door; or if the door feels hot, use alternative exit.
- 3. Stay low to the floor to avoid smoke and crawl to safety.
- 4. If clothes catch fire, STOP, DROP, and ROLL to smother flames.
- 5. Call 911



