

# Tsunami evacuation

## When to use

Use this procedure to access step-by-step instructions in the event of a Tsunami threat

## Policy

There are three Tsunami evacuations zones. **Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre** is in the Orange zone. The orange zone is the area which is likely to be evacuated during official warnings and evacuations. The official warning will come from Wellington Emergency Management Office (WEMO). These warnings may come to you via New Zealand TV/radio broadcasts or the emergency services. You may receive warnings from one or several sources.

In the case of

- a large earthquake (one it is hard to stand up in), unusual noises from the ocean, changes in the ocean (e.g. the ocean rushing in or out), or you feel a weak earthquake that lasts for a minute or more,
- an official warning from WEMO,
- warnings from friends, other members of the public, international media, etc

The facility must be evacuated immediately, and all people directed to the safe waiting area which is at **Kilbirnie Tennis Club, Crawford Road** (see attached map). Waves may arrive within minutes or take more than an hour to arrive. Wait for official all clear or advice from Civil Defence Emergency Management.

We are only responsible for minors (under 18) in our immediate care. Adults may choose where they evacuate to and how they do so.

The Duty Manager is to act as Chief Warden. If they are not in the facility at the time, the next most senior lifeguard (2IC) will assume these responsibilities.

## Responsibility

- Chief Warden (Red Jerkin)
- Deputy Chief Warden (Red Jerkin)
- Area Wardens (Yellow Jerkin)

## Additional Information

Refer to the [Earthquake Procedure](#) for details around steps to take during and after an earthquake.

## Steps

1. Check that it is safe to leave the building.
2. Activate the fire alarm by using any of the fire alarm call points which are located on each level of the complex. **Note:** This will activate all the alarms throughout the complex.
3. Evacuate the facility, directing public to the emergency assembly points, as per the [Emergency Evacuation Procedure](#).
4. Direct customers to the designated safe waiting area at **Kilbirnie Tennis Club, Crawford Road**

### Directions to the designated safe waiting area:



5. Remain at the designated safe waiting area unless advised otherwise by the Chief Warden or Emergency Services