

# TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS WEEK

March 20th-26th

## Our Tsunami History:

Tsunamis can cause great loss of life and property damage in coastal areas.

Thirty-four tsunamis have been recorded on the northern California coast since 1933. The most significant damage was caused by a Magnitude 9.2 Earthquake in Alaska in 1964. It flooded 29 blocks of Crescent City's waterfront, damaged harbors and port facilities as far south as Santa Cruz, and caused 12 deaths in California.



## Know the Signs:

- A strong earthquake lasting 20 seconds or more near the coast.
- A noticeable rapid rise or fall in coastal waters.
- When a tsunami is coming from a distant source, there may be official tsunami warnings that would be aired on radio and TV, and locally broadcasted in a variety of ways.
- A tsunami is not a single wave, but a series of waves that may vary from minutes to hours between surges. Do not return to an evacuated area until it is allowed by an official authority.

## Be Prepared:

- Find out if your home, school, workplace or other frequently visited locations are in tsunami hazard areas.
- Plan evacuation routes from your home, school, workplace and other places you could be where tsunamis present a risk.
- Make a go kit (Food, Water, Flashlight, Weather Radio etc..)



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Coastal Region

**For more information please visit:**

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/tsunami>

<http://www.tsunamizone.org/california/>