



## Before a Tsunami

### KNOW YOUR ZONE!

Check the Tsunami Hazard Map to see if you live, work, play or go to school in a tsunami hazard zone. If you are not located in a tsunami hazard zone, be prepared to assist family and friends in need of shelter.

- ▲ Know where higher ground is and how to get there.
- ▲ Practise your evacuation routes on foot or bike with your family members, friends or colleagues.
- ▲ Have grab & go bags ready for your family and pets to take with them.
- ▲ Have a family reunification plan that includes evacuation routes, emergency contacts, designated meeting places and arrangements to stay with family or friends who are not located in a tsunami hazard zone.

### TSUNAMI ALERTS

There are two types of tsunamis: local and distant.

- ▲ A local tsunami will be associated with a felt earthquake.
- ▲ A distant tsunami will happen far away, like Japan or Alaska, and may not be felt.

Authorities will let you know if any action is necessary from a distant tsunami by issuing one of the following alerts.

### TSUNAMI ALERT LEVELS

<b>WARNING</b>	Flood wave possible	Full evacuation suggested
<b>ADVISORY</b>	Strong currents likely	Stay away from shore
<b>WATCH</b>	Danger level not yet known	Stay alert for more information
<b>INFORMATION STATEMENT</b>	Minor waves at most	No action suggested
<b>CANCELLATION</b>	Tidal gauges show no wave activity	Confirm safety for local areas



## During a Tsunami

If you are near the ocean and feel an earthquake that makes it difficult to stand and lasts a long time, move away from the hazard zone to higher ground or inland immediately. Do not wait for an official warning! If you receive an evacuation notification, immediately move outside the hazard zone when the shaking stops.



### TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY

- ▲ DO Drop, Cover and Hold On until the shaking has stopped.
- ▲ DO leave the hazard zone and move immediately inland or go to higher ground.
- ▲ Travel on foot or bike if possible, to keep roads clear for emergency responders.
- ▲ Move away from beaches, marinas and bodies of water.
- ▲ IF outside the hazard zone and safe, stay where you are.
- ▲ DO stay tuned to local media for updates.
- ▲ DO follow the instructions of authorities.
- ▲ DO NOT go near the water to watch.



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## After a Tsunami

In the event of a tsunami warning, local governments will communicate instructions using various methods.

Check [www.PrepareYourself.ca](http://www.PrepareYourself.ca) to find out which systems your local government uses, and if there is an alert system you can subscribe to.

- ▲ DO NOT go back to tsunami hazard zones until local government officials tell you it is safe to return. Tsunami waves will continue to arrive for hours after the initial rise and fall of the ocean level.
- ▲ DO NOT call 911 unless you have a life threatening emergency and stay off phone lines as they will be in use by emergency personnel.
- ▲ Stay tuned to local media for further instructions. Have a battery-powered or wind-up radio in your grab & go bag and know your local radio, TV and trusted social media sources of information.



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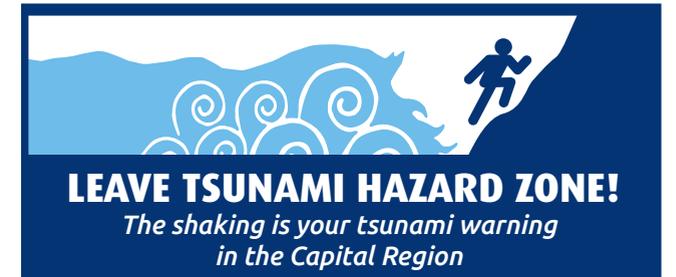
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# CAPITAL REGION TSUNAMI INFORMATION

## THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

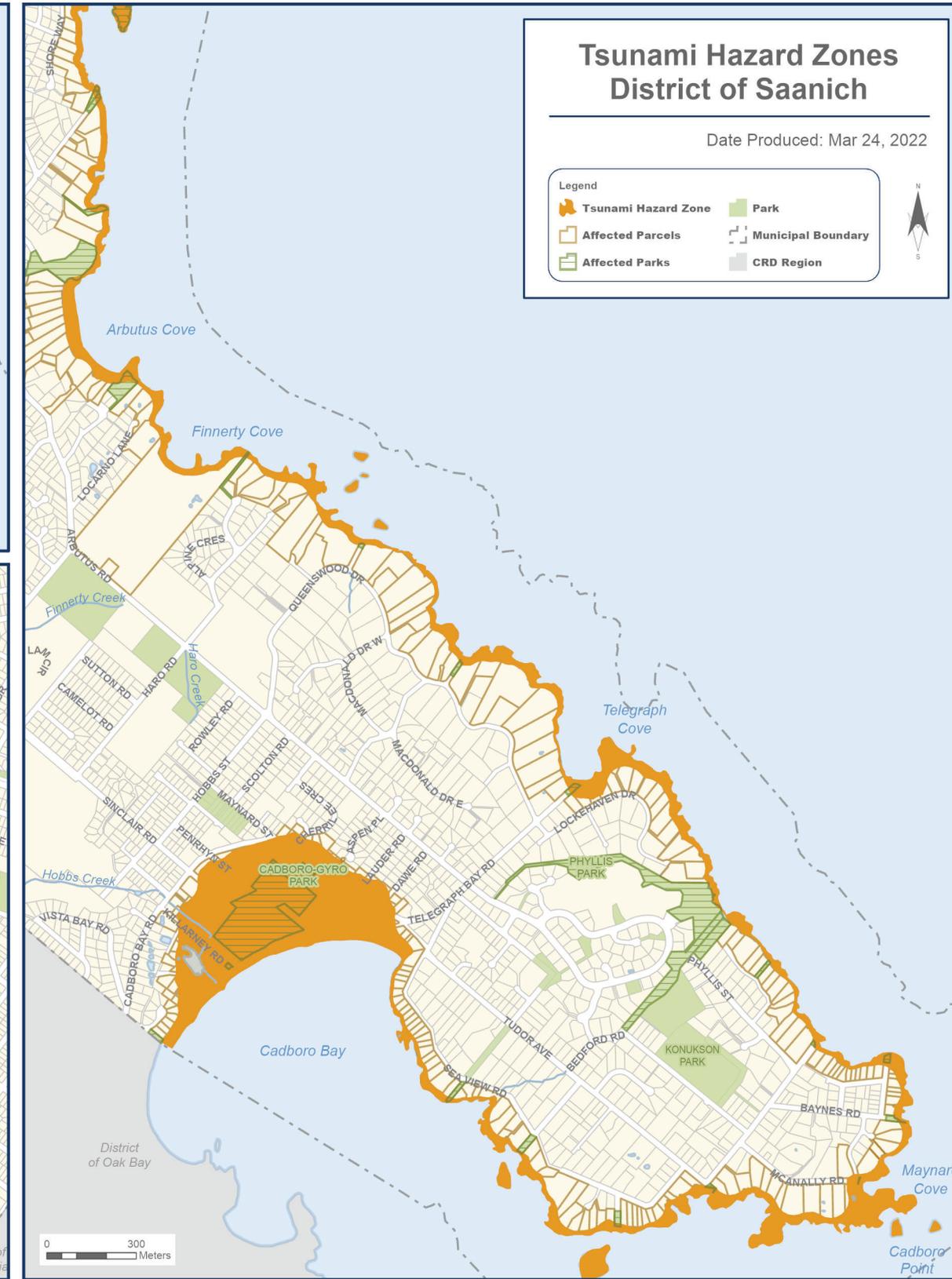


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## Tsunami Hazard Zones District of Saanich

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**Legend**

- Tsunami Hazard Zone
- Park
- Affected Parcels
- Municipal Boundary
- Affected Parks
- CRD Region