

RESPONSE

HAZARDS: FLOODS

BEFORE:

Find out if you are in a flood prone area. If flooding is possible in your area:

- Move valuable and dangerous items, including electrical equipment and chemicals, as high above the floor as possible. Don't forget items in your garage or garden shed.
- Use watertight containers to store important items.
- Secure outdoor possessions, including outdoor furniture that can be swept away in floodwaters.



DURING:

Listen to the radio for updates and check the Hawke's Bay Emergency Management websites and Facebook pages. Follow any instructions regarding evacuation of your area.

- Put safety first. Act quickly if you see rising water. Do not wait for official warnings. Head for higher ground.
- Do not try to walk, swim, or drive in floodwater: even water just 15 centimetres deep can sweep you off your feet.
- Always assume that all flood water is contaminated.

AFTER:

Remember - if you have been evacuated, it may not be safe to return home even when the floodwaters have receded. Listen to official advice and don't return home until they told it is safe to do so.

Go to the hbemergency.govt.nz to see how floods may affect your property.



HAZARD : SEVERE WEATHER

BEFORE:

Stay up to date with the latest weather information from MetService. Pay attention to watches and warnings.

DURING:

If severe weather is coming, Severe Weather Outlooks, Watches and Warnings are issued by MetService. They are available through radio, television, the MetService website and the MetService app.

- Listen to advice provided by Hawke's Bay Emergency Management and emergency services and follow any instructions.
- Secure your home by closing windows. Pull curtains and blinds closed. This can prevent injury from flying glass if the window breaks.
- Close all interior and external doors.
- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary.
- Be prepared to evacuate and keep your grab bag close.



AFTER:

Listen to advice provided by Hawke's Bay Emergency Management and emergency services and follow any instructions.

- If it is safe to do so, check on neighbours, friends or family who may have been affected.
- Continue to stay up-to-date with the latest weather information.

Severe Weather can include heavy rain and snow, thunder, lightning, and strong winds.

HAZARD : EARTHQUAKES

BEFORE:

Identify safe places within your home and other places you frequently visit, these should be:

- Somewhere close to you, to avoid injury from flying debris.
- Under a strong table. Hold on to the table legs to keep it from moving away from you.
- Away from windows that can shatter and tall furniture that can fall on you.

DURING:

- DROP, COVER and HOLD until the shaking is over.
- Do not go outside or you risk getting hit by falling masonry or glass.
- If you are outside, move away from buildings, streetlights, and power lines if you can.



AFTER:

- Check yourself for injuries and get first aid if necessary.
- Look quickly for damage around you, particularly where furniture and fittings may have become hazardous.
- Be careful as you start to move about, many injuries happen after the shaking stops, look out for broken glass and sharp objects.

DROP, COVER and HOLD



DROP, COVER and HOLD is the right action to take in an earthquake.

- Drop down on your hands and knees.
- Cover your head and neck, on the ground or under a sturdy table.
- Hold on to yourself or the the table legs.

If you have difficulty getting onto the ground, or cannot get back up again, then follow these recommendations:



If you are using a walker, **LOCK, COVER and HOLD**:

- Lock your wheels [if applicable].
- Carefully get as low as possible, bend over, and cover your head and neck as best you can.
- Hold on until shaking stops.

If you are using a wheelchair, **LOCK, COVER, and HOLD**:

- Lock your wheels.
- Bend over and cover your head and neck as best you can.



If you are in bed, **STAY, COVER and HOLD**:

- Stay in bed. Cover yourself by pulling the sheets and blankets over yourself.
- Hold your pillow over you to protect your head and neck.

HAZARD : TSUNAMI

All of the Hawke's Bay's Coastline is at risk of Tsunami. If you are in a tsunami zone and an earthquake occurs, remember...

**Long OR Strong,
GET GONE.**

'Long' means longer than one minute and 'Strong' means it is hard to keep standing.

The earthquake is likely to be your only warning that there could be a tsunami. Don't wait for further instructions, evacuate immediately inland or uphill.

BEFORE:

- Know and practice your routes to safety. You should identify multiple routes, that you could take, think about what you would do if it was night time, or if a route was blocked.
- Make sure you have a grab bag ready to go, and that you can carry it.
- Make a plan for what you would do if either a near-source or distant -source tsunami was imminent.

DURING:

- Leave quickly - If you feel a long or strong earthquake.
- Evacuate tsunami zones by foot or bicycle if possible.
- Go either inland or uphill, regardless of pace every step towards safety counts.

AFTER:

- Stay out of the tsunami zone until you are told it is safe to return.
- Continue listening to the radio and follow HB Emergency Managements advice.
- Help others if you can, and it is safe to do so.

