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**TSUNAMI WARNING IN EFFECT FOR STATE OF HAWAII**

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Ewa Beach, Hawaii, has issued a TSUNAMI WARNING for the State of Hawaii effective 12:46 a.m. HST.

A TSUNAMI WARNING means that a destructive wave, or waves, may have been generated by an 8.8 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Chile at 8:34 p.m. HST, February 26, 2010.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center estimates the first wave arrival time in Hawaii will be at about 11:19 a.m. today, Saturday, February 27, at Hilo. Outdoor siren systems in each county will sound simultaneously at 6:00 a.m. HST, Saturday, February 27, to alert residents and visitors to evacuate coastal areas.

Residents will be advised by their respective county civil defense or emergency management agencies to evacuate coastal areas. Residents are urged to follow civil defense instructions.

To determine whether or not you live or work in an evacuation zone, go to [www.scd.hawaii.gov](http://www.scd.hawaii.gov) and enter your address in the Tsunami Evacuation Zone Mapping Tool, or check the Disaster Preparedness Guide in the front of your telephone directory.

Please tune in to your local radio and/or television stations for civil defense instructions and information.

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