

# Tsunamis in Alaska and around the world



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The two shocking tsunami disasters of the 21st century have forever changed the definition of the word "tsunami." Its meaning was elevated from just an infrequent though potentially dangerous natural phenomenon to one capable of inflicting hundreds of thousands of fatalities and reaching every coastline on Earth. Alaska is the largest tsunami "producer" in the United States. Historic tsunamis that were generated in Alaska have resulted in widespread damage and loss of life around the Pacific Ocean. However, the future tsunamis "made in Alaska" can reach Alaska coastal communities within minutes of the earthquake. In preparation for the next disaster, the coastal population in Alaska will benefit from tsunami hazard mitigation and preparedness programs in those unknown number of years/months that we have until the next tsunami strikes the Alaska coast.

**When: Tuesday July 15, 2025, at 6:30 PM**

**Where: Cordova City Center Community Rooms A & B**

**Livestream: [YouTube.com/@CityofCordovaAlaska](https://www.youtube.com/@CityofCordovaAlaska)**