

All Hazard Alert Broadcast (AHAB)

Tsunami Sirens



Washington State Emergency Management Division maintains a polemounted tsunami siren system that is deployed throughout the coast.

This system has many state-of-the-art features, including:

- Continuous monitoring and remote satellite activation from the 24/7 State Emergency Operations Center.
- Radio activation by local Emergency Management agencies.
- Modular speakers with 360-degree coverage.
- Ability to provide voice and tone alerts.
- Intense blue light to alert the hearing impaired, which can also be seen through fog and is visible from a long distance.

What does an AHAB tsunami siren sound like?

During the routine monthly <u>TEST</u> of the system, the siren will play the **Westminster Chimes**. The voice message below will follow the test chimes in English and Spanish:

Voice Test Message: "The following is a test of the siren warning system. This is only a test of the siren warning system. Had this been a real emergency you should have moved to higher ground or inland before tuning to your local media sources for further instructions. This was only a test."

Upon the issuance of a **TSUNAMI WARNING**, the siren will play a **wail sound** and a voice message in English and Spanish will follow:

Voice Warning Message: "The National Weather Service has issued a tsunami warning. A tsunami can create strong waves, dangerous flooding and powerful currents. If you are in a coastal area you are at risk and must move to higher ground or inland now. Do not return until directed to do so. Tune to local media for additional information after you move to higher ground

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