



Media Release

[Insert date and time]

Tsunami Warning - Threat to [insert location]

There is a tsunami risk to [insert location] from the 8.3 magnitude earthquake that occurred off the coast of the Samoan Islands Region today at 0648 hours NZDT 30 September 2009.

A tsunami warning for [insert location] has been issued.

Information from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre is that the earthquake is likely to have generated a tsunami. The Government has activated the National Crisis Management Centre and is co-ordinating central government response.

Communities must activate their emergency plans.

People should act on promptly. If told to evacuate they should:

[insert actions people should take]

The tsunami expert panel and all available data about the earthquake and sea levels are being monitored and analysed.

The warning follows an earthquake at:

Location:	Samoa Islands Region
Time & Date:	1748 Zulu 29 SEPTEMBER 2009
NZ Time:	0648 NZDT 30 SEPTEMBER 2009
Co-ordinates:	15.3 South 171.0 West
Depth:	33 km
Magnitude:	8.3 (Is provisional and may be adjusted)

More information will be released as soon as it becomes available.

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(1) Time as Zulu or Greenwich Mean Time