### **Tsunami early warning**

Kuta is connected to the Indonesian Tsunami Early Warning System (InaTEWS). Tsunami warnings will be disseminated by public radio and TV stations as well as via a siren located at Kuta beach. A three minute steady sound from the siren is a call for immediate evacuation. If you are in a hotel, please follow the instructions of hotel staff.

### Remember...

If you feel an earthquake, always be aware that a tsunami might follow in a very short time. Don't wait for official warnings – follow the established procedures as indicated in this leaflet.

Kuta has a narrow street network, therefore evacuation should be on foot only! If this proves difficult or time is running out, seek shelter on higher floors (3rd floor or higher) in solid buildings.

### **Understand natural warning signs**

- If the water retreats more quickly and further than during normal tides, a tsunami is imminent.
- A strong wind or a roaring sound may be heard prior to the arrival of tsunami waves.

If you observe any of these signs, look for shelter immediately!

### **Kuta** is prone to tsunamis

Kuta is a famous international tourist destination and one of the major attractions is its sandy beaches. Less known is the fact that the same coastline is also prone to tsunamis. Bali is located close to the collision zone between two tectonic plates (where the Indian-Australian Plate is pushed under the Eurasian Plate), which is a major source area for tsunamis. Tsunami waves can arrive as quickly as 20 minutes after a strong earthquake.

## Kuta is getting prepared - what about you?

Kuta is divided into a **RED ZONE**, which is a high risk area for tsunamis, and a YELLOW **ZONE**, which is less likely to be affected. If the tsunami alarm sounds, leave the red zone immediately! If you are in, or close to, a high, strong building it might be safer to seek shelter on a higher floor instead of moving inland.

Never go to the beach to check whether the water is receding or to try to spot the arriving waves – you may not survive it!

# Are you ready?





**Tsunami Evacuation Procedures** for KUTA / BALI



# 1. Get prepared, long before anything happens

- Study the evacuation map and get familiar with the evacuation procedures
- Discuss procedures within your family and neighbourhood
- Participate in drills and information events
- If you are a visitor to Bali, please check with your hotel for procedures
- 2. If you feel an earthquake, protect yourself
  - Don't panic!
  - Drop, cover and hold!
- 3. After an earthquake, be aware that a tsunami may follow
  - Move away from the beach immediately as a precautionary measure!
  - After strong and prolonged ground shaking, don't wait for an official warning. Leave the RED ZONE immediately!
  - Listen to announcements from the local authorities and the radio for further information. Pay attention to the siren!
- 4. The sound of the siren is the official call for evacuation
  - When the siren sounds, evacuate the RED ZONE immediately, or look for shelter in higher buildings!
  - If you are in the YELLOW ZONE, seek shelter on higher floors
  - If you are a visitor in a hotel, follow the instructions of hotel staff

After the first tsunami wave, more waves are likely to come!

Wait for an official "All Clear" message before leaving shelter

