

# Your guide to organising a **COMMUNITY TSUNAMI HĪKOI**



## WHAT IS IT?

A hīkoi - or walk - is for anyone who lives, works or visits a tsunami evacuation zone. It shows how easy it is to learn your tsunami evacuation route inland or to high ground.

## WHY DO IT?

Our entire coastline is at risk of tsunami so it's all about making our communities safer. The more we practise something the easier it becomes.



## PLAN IT

Get people from your local community together to form an organising group

- Choose a date, time and duration
- Select your safe locations so that people can work out their evacuation route
- Check your route for hazards and change it if you need to
- Decide whether to allow bikes, scooters or skateboards
- Think of any security needs and talk to your local neighbourhood support, police or Māori wardens
- Make it fun - add in a competition or dress-up theme
- Enlist sponsors, donors and volunteers.



## PUBLICISE IT

Promote your hīkoi to your community

- Get in touch with your local Civil Defence Emergency Management group to help promote the event
- Post about it on social media and create an event page
- Put posters up around your community
- Go door to door or do a letterbox drop
- Talk about it at a school or community meeting.



## TELL US ABOUT IT

Don't forget to let us know how it goes via [eastcoastlab.org.nz](http://eastcoastlab.org.nz) or [facebook.com/EastCoastLAB](https://facebook.com/EastCoastLAB)

We want to hear from you:

- Who was there?
- How many people took part?
- What did you do?
- What went well and what would you do differently next time?
- Will you do it again?
- Any feedback, stories or photos you can share?



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