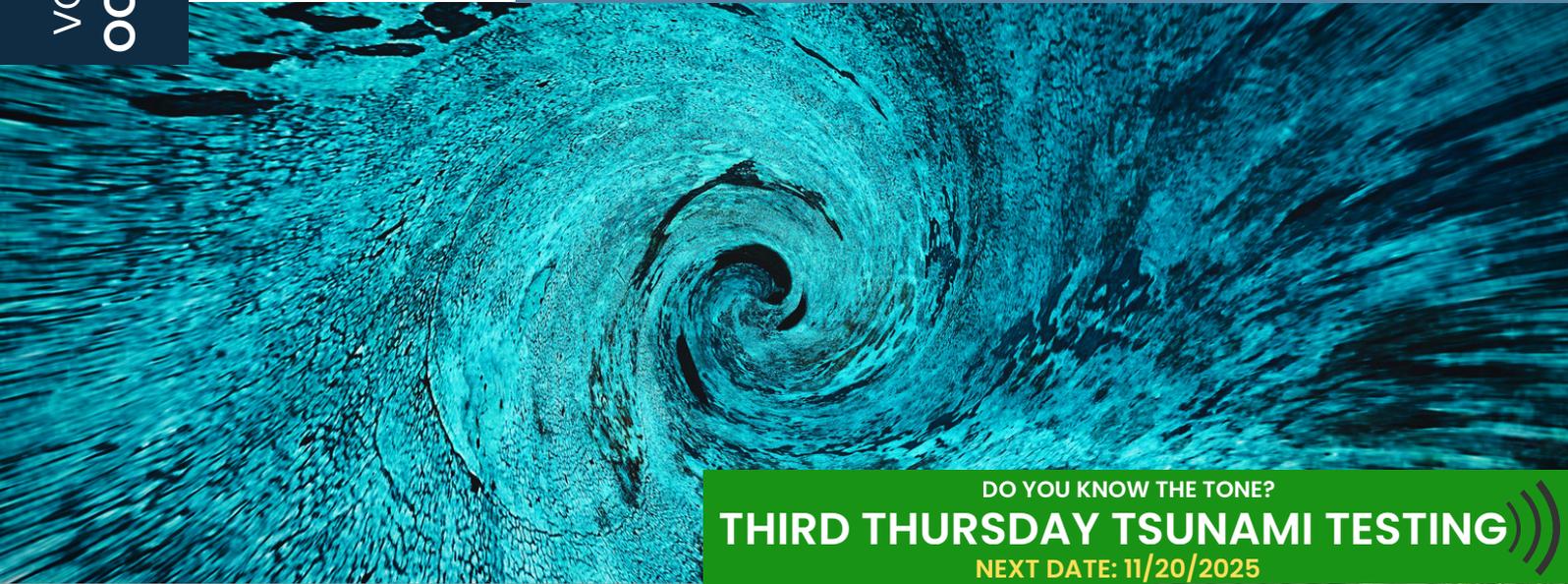




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DO YOU KNOW THE TONE?
THIRD THURSDAY TSUNAMI TESTING
NEXT DATE: 11/20/2025

Tsunami Walk 2025

Tsunami Walks 2025 was a success! VITEMA thanks all participants for making this our largest turnout ever.

On each island, VITEMA and community members walked to 82 feet above sea level—one of many possible evacuation routes to safety. We're pleased to report that every walk took less than 11 minutes! Tsunamis are no-notice events, and we're committed to educating our community on preparedness. It's not a matter of if, but when.

Stay tuned for more tsunami safety events.



Top Left: St. Croix Tsunami Walk.
Bottom Left: St. Thomas Tsunami Walk.
Right: St. John Tsunami Walk.

WHAT'S NEXT?



WORLD TSUNAMI AWARENESS DAY
5 NOVEMBER

National Preparedness Month

Preparedness Starts At Home

September is National Preparedness Month. The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) is urging residents to begin preparedness at home with their families. This year's theme, "Preparedness Starts at Home," emphasizes getting back to the essentials of preparedness and the critical role household readiness plays in building community resilience when responding to and recovering from emergencies and natural disasters.

National See Say Day

If you **see** something,
say something®

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
340-776-3015
or 9-1-1 in case of emergency

September 25 is "If You See Something, Say Something®" Awareness Day. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has designated this day to highlight the importance of public vigilance. VITEMA urges the community to report suspicious activity to local authorities. This year's theme, "One Tip Could Make the Difference," underscores how one person's awareness can help protect many. Remember: suspicious activity is about behaviors and actions, not appearance. Keep our islands safe by staying alert and reporting what you observe. Share this message with your community and family.





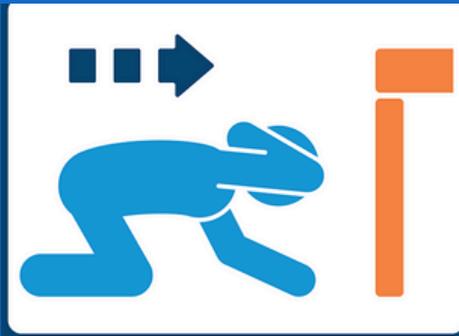
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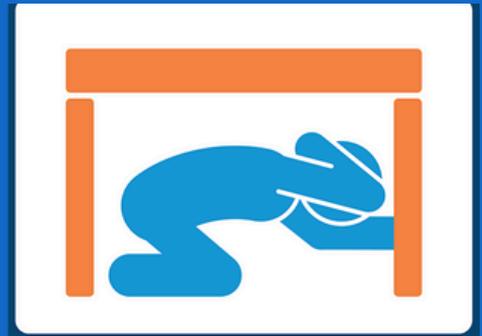
EARTHQUAKE SAFETY



DROP!



COVER!



HOLD ON!

UPDATE

Hurricane Names 2025

- ~~Andrea~~
- ~~Barry~~
- ~~Chantal~~
- ~~Dexter~~
- ~~Erin~~
- ~~Fernand~~
- ~~Gabrielle~~
- ~~Humberto~~
- ~~Inelda~~
- ~~Jerry~~
- ~~Karen~~
- ~~Lorenzo~~
- ~~Melissa~~
- ~~Nestor~~
- ~~Olga~~
- ~~Pablo~~
- ~~Rebekah~~
- ~~Sebastien~~
- ~~Tanya~~
- ~~Van~~
- ~~Wendy~~



WHAT IS CERT?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live. VITEMA will be hosting CERT training sessions on each island. CERT trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. The next CERT class will be offered on St. Croix the weekend of November 7. This all-hazards training is designed to help you protect yourself, your family, and your community during emergencies.

CERT graduates testing out their Search & Rescue Skills

What is the Great Shakeout?

The Great ShakeOut is an annual earthquake preparedness event held on October 16. The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) invited the entire community to participate in the world's largest earthquake drill on October 16, 2025, at 10:16 a.m. "The U.S. Virgin Islands sits in an active seismic zone, making earthquake preparedness essential for every resident and visitor," VITEMA said. The drill practiced the critical safety steps "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" that can protect lives during an earthquake. We encourage the community to continue practicing earthquake preparedness year-round to be ready to survive and recover quickly in the event of an earthquake.

Photos from VITEMA (STT + STX) Great Shake Out Drill 2025

