

# No tsunami threat detected from large Chile quakes

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The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center says it does not see a threat of powerful waves along the coasts of California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska or Hawaii due to a powerful earthquake off South America.

Two earthquakes struck off Chile's Pacific coast Sunday afternoon, with the U.S. Geological Survey reporting the first, larger one at preliminary magnitude of 7.0.

Chilean authorities called for a precautionary evacuation along a stretch of shoreline.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center later said there did not appear to be a threat of a destructive Pacific-wide tsunami.

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