

6.0 EARTHQUAKE SHAKES HAWAI'I ISLAND

Strong Tremor Reported Near Hōnaunau-Nāpō'opo'o - No Tsunami Generated

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Photo-style WAJD news illustration: a coastal road scene in South Kona after the earthquake. Created for visual reporting; not an actual incident photo.

QUICK FACTS

Magnitude: 6.0

Time: 9:46 p.m. HST, Friday, May 22, 2026

Area: Near Hōnaunau-Nāpō'opo'o / Hōnaunau, South Kona, Hawai'i Island

Depth: About 22-23 km, or about 14 miles

Tsunami: No tsunami generated or expected for Hawai'i

EARTHQUAKE DETAILS & RESPONSE

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A magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck off the coast of South Kona near Hōnaunau-Nāpō'opo'o on Friday, May 22, 2026, at 9:46 p.m. HST. Strong shaking was felt across the island. No tsunami was generated. Officials continue to monitor the situation and assess any impacts while remaining alert for possible aftershocks.



Approximate epicenter location off the coast of South Kona near Hōnaunau-Nāpō'opo'o.



Crews and officials remain on alert. Monitoring continues for any aftershocks and potential impacts.

OFFICIAL NOTES



No Tsunami Warning

No tsunami was generated or expected for Hawai'i.



When

Earthquake occurred at 9:46 p.m. HST on May 22, 2026.



Depth

About 22–23 km (about 14 miles).



Shaking Reported

Residents across Hawai'i Island reported strong shaking.



Aftershocks Possible

Aftershocks are possible in the days ahead.

WHAT RESIDENTS SHOULD DO



Check for Hazards

Inspect your home for damage or gas leaks.



Prepare for Aftershocks

Be ready to Drop, Cover, and Hold On if shaking occurs.



Stay Informed

Monitor official sources for the latest updates.



Have a Go Kit Ready

Ensure you have water, supplies, and medications on hand.



Check on Others

Check on family, neighbors, and those who may need help.

COMMUNITY IMPACT & PREPAREDNESS

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SOUTH KONA COMMUNITY REACTION

Residents across South Kona reported strong shaking that lasted several seconds. Many stepped outside as a precaution. Local businesses and churches are checking in with members and neighbors.

Community leaders encourage everyone to look out for one another, especially kūpuna and those with access and functional needs. So far, there are no reports of injuries or major damage.

ROADWAYS & INFRASTRUCTURE CHECKS

County crews are assessing roadways, roadside embankments, and utility lines in the South Kona area. No major roadway closures have been reported at this time.

Drivers are advised to use caution for loose rock or small debris in areas near coastal cliffs and cut slopes. Please report any hazards to the County.

ONGOING ASSESSMENT

Officials continue to assess the area for any minor impacts, including small rockfalls or cracks in older structures. Additional updates will be shared as more information becomes available.

Aftershocks are possible over the coming days. Stay informed through official channels and remain prepared.



PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST



Secure heavy items and move breakables to lower shelves.



Keep water, non-perishable food, and flashlights ready.



Check emergency alerts and ensure your phone is charged.



Inspect your home for damage and report any hazards.



Be prepared for aftershocks over the coming days.



Follow guidance from Hawai'i County and emergency officials.

WAJD REFLECTION & PRAYER

In times of uncertainty, we turn to our faithful and unshakable God. Earthquakes remind us of how quickly life can change—but they also remind us that the Lord is our refuge, our strength, and our ever-present help in trouble.



GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

— Psalm 46:1 (KJV)



LET US PRAY

Heavenly Father,

We thank You that You are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.

We lift up every family in Hawaii, especially those who felt this earthquake. Protect the vulnerable, bring peace to the fearful, and provide for every need.

We pray for our first responders and emergency personnel—give them wisdom, endurance, and safety as they serve.

We pray for our island communities, that You would bring unity, resilience, and hope.

Help us to be prepared, not in fear, but in faith—trusting You in every season.

In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.



FINAL TAKEAWAYS



No tsunami generated.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center confirms no tsunami threat at this time.



Monitor for aftershocks.

Aftershocks are common. Stay alert and follow official updates.



Follow local guidance.

Continue to follow instructions from local authorities and emergency officials.



Stay prepared.

Keep your emergency supplies ready and your plans up to date.



“Be still, and know that I am God.” — Psalm 46:10 (KJV)