



# EARTHQUAKE SWARM NEAR ELDEY AND REYKJANESTÁ, ICELAND

Around 180 quakes recorded off southwest Iceland since May 23 as activity intensifies near Reykjanestá and Eldey



**S**eismic activity has increased near Eldey and Reykjanestá, off the southwest coast of Iceland, where around 180 earthquakes have been recorded since May 23, 2026.

The strongest earthquake in the swarm so far measured magnitude 3.5. That event occurred at 05:06 UTC on May 24, 2026.

According to geophysical monitoring data, activity is concentrated on the Reykjanes Ridge / near Eldey, an area known for frequent tectonic movement as the North American and Eurasian plates pull apart.

Icelandic authorities and scientific agencies continue to monitor the swarm closely. At this time, no major damage or injuries have been reported in connection with these offshore events.



Location of Reykjanestá and Eldey off the southwest coast of Iceland.

## QUICK FACTS



**Location:**  
Reykjanestá and Eldey, Iceland



**Largest Magnitude:**  
3.5



**Start of Swarm:**  
May 23, 2026



**Monitoring:**  
Ongoing



**Reported Impacts:**  
No major damage or injuries reported

## WHY THIS MATTERS



The Reykjanes Peninsula is one of Iceland's most active volcanic and seismic regions due to the rifting between tectonic plates and the presence of magma systems. Earthquake swarms like this are watched closely by scientists to better understand possible tectonic or volcanic changes that could develop in the future.



**WAJD REFLECTION & PRAYER**

God is sovereign over the earth and its movements. As stewards of His creation, we pray for wisdom for those who observe and study these events, and for safety and peace for the people of Iceland and all who live in vulnerable places.

*Heavenly Father, we lift up the people of Iceland and all who are monitoring seismic activity. Grant protection, wisdom, and peace. Calm every storm and shake, and remind us that You are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Amen.*

