

Tsunami – 2004

A Tsunami is when a huge wave comes out from the sea, it can be caused by an underwater earthquake, volcanic explosion, pressure in the atmosphere, landslide or a meteor hitting the ocean.

In 2004 a Tsunami hit Thailand it was caused by an earthquake the size of 23,000 atomic bombs, 100 feet high. This happened on Boxing Day, there were lots of tourists in Thailand for Christmas.



The hotel near the beach got destroyed first, the people of Thailand had no warning of this terrible disaster.

Approximately 5,400 people were killed, and 3,100 were reported missing. Homes, shops, hotels were washed away, it must have been a very scary experience.

Aceh, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Tamil Nadu, India and Khao Lak, Thailand were all effected. Banda Aceh reported the largest number of deaths.



The earthquake was the third largest and lasted between 8 and 10 minutes. It triggered earthquakes as far away as Alaska.

The people in the effected countries were left with nothing other countries started to raise money to help them, they raised over \$14billion to help to rebuild their lives.

