



# The Great British Columbia ShakeOut

Annual Provincial-Wide Earthquake Drill

## Local Government Get Ready to ShakeOut!

At 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2011, thousands of British Columbians will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in *The Great British Columbia ShakeOut*, the largest earthquake drill in BC history! All local governments and their agencies are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise).

British Columbia is located in a seismically active region where a few thousand earthquakes occur each year in and adjacent to the province. The threat of a major earthquake in the province is real and all British Columbians must know how to be prepared.

The ShakeOut drill is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.



Why is having a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill important? As with anything, to act quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong

shaking knocks you down, or before something falls on you.

**Everyone can participate!** Individuals, families, businesses, schools, government agencies and organizations are all invited to register.

Be a part of the largest earthquake drill in Canadian history on January 26, 2011 at 10am!

Register today at [shakeoutbc.ca](http://shakeoutbc.ca)

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here are a few suggestions for what local governments and agencies can do to participate in the ShakeOut. More information is at [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca).

#### Plan Your Drill:

- Register at [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca) to be counted in the ShakeOut Drill, get email updates, and more.
- Have a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill at 10:00 a.m. on January 26.
- You may also want to coordinate an exercise of your emergency plan.
- Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

#### Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- Check your emergency supplies and equipment; make sure they are accessible and functional.
- Inspect your facilities for items that might fall and cause injury, and secure them.
- Encourage employees to prepare at home.
- Provide first aid and response training for employees.

#### Share the ShakeOut:

- Encourage employees to ask their friends, families, and neighbors to register.
- Agencies with outreach roles can include ShakeOut messaging in their routine activities.
- Posters, flyers, and other materials for promoting the ShakeOut are at [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca).
- Share your experience at [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca).



### As a registered ShakeOut participant you will:

- Learn what you can do to get prepared
- Receive ShakeOut news and other earthquake information
- Be counted in the largest earthquake drill ever!
- Set an example that motivates others to participate

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