



The Great British Columbia ShakeOut

Annual Provincial-Wide Earthquake Drill

Schools

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 schools 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

HOW SCHOOLS CAN PARTICIPATE

Here are a few suggestions for what schools can do to participate in the ShakeOut. More ideas, materials, and other resources can be found at www.shakeoutbc.ca.

Plan Your Drill:

- Register at 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 26th. You can also exercise other aspects 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.
- Encourage staff and students to prepare at home.
- Distribute ShakeOut take-home materials.

Share the ShakeOut:

- Encourage students and staff to ask their friends, families, and neighbors to register.
- Ask colleagues at other schools to participate.
- Posters, flyers, and other materials for promoting the ShakeOut are at www.shakeoutbc.ca.
- Share your experience at www.shakeoutbc.ca.



As a registered ShakeOut participant you will:

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