



The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut

Multi-State Earthquake Drill

Schools

Get Ready to ShakeOut!

At 10:15 a.m. on April 28, 2011, millions will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in *The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut*, the largest earthquake drill ever! All schools are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise).

More than 1 million people in communities throughout the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, and Tennessee will participate in this event.

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you work, live, or travel in the central U.S. The ShakeOut 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 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 something falls on you.

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

Register today at www.ShakeOut.org/centralus

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 ShakeOut.org/centralus/schools.

Plan Your Drill:

- Register at www.ShakeOut.org/centralus/register to be counted in the ShakeOut Drill, get email updates, and more.
- Have a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill at 10:15 a.m. on April 28. 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.
- Download and review school preparedness materials from www.ShakeOut.org/centralus/schools.
- 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.ShakeOut.org/centralus/resources.
- Share your experiences at ShakeOut.org/centralus/share.



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

