

Shakeout Update: February 23, 2010

8 months to go! Plus, learn about Step 1 of the 7 Steps to Earthquake Safety

The 2010 Great California ShakeOut on October 21 is eight months away, and already more than **1.8 million** Californians are registered to participate. Last year there were not this many participants until June!

If you or your organization has never participated, [register](#) today! Or if you have participated before, please [login](#) to quickly update your information and confirm your participation in 2010.

The ShakeOut website is now completely updated for 2010, including [resources](#) such as drill manuals, posters, flyers, web banners, and more. These materials are provided to help you plan your drill, to inform your organization's employees or your community, and to encourage others to register.

Prepare, Protect, and Recover!

News from Haiti continues to remind us of how important it is to be prepared—as individuals, organizations, communities, and beyond. The ShakeOut is an opportunity for us to prepare together, hopefully before a major earthquake happens again here in California. To help we will be sending you preparedness tips each month, following the [Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety](#).



Step 1: Secure Your Stuff. Reducing and/or eliminating hazards throughout your home, workplace or school can greatly reduce your risk of injury or death in the next earthquake. Conduct a "hazard hunt" to identify what needs to be secured in place, such as televisions, computers, bookcases, furniture, unstrapped water heaters, etc. Get started by following our [how-to instructions](#).

NOTE: Firefighters, preparedness officials, and other experts agree that "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" is the best way to protect yourself during earthquakes. Another method being promoted via e-mail and online is very dangerous. Read our [special report](#) to learn why.



Thank you for your participation and commitment to earthquake safety!