



The Great California ShakeOut

Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

Individuals and Families

Get Ready to ShakeOut!

At 10:15 a.m. on October 15, 2009, millions of Californians will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in *The Great California ShakeOut*, the largest earthquake drill ever! Everyone is encouraged to participate in the drill wherever you are at 10:15 a.m. on 10/15!

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you work, live, or travel in California. 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 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.

Nearly 5.5 million Southern Californians participated in the 2008 ShakeOut. Now statewide, the *Great California ShakeOut* will be held on the third Thursday of October each year.

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

Register today at ShakeOut.org

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here are simple things individuals and families can do to participate in the ShakeOut. Instructions and resources can be found at ShakeOut.org/individuals.

Plan Your Drill:

- Register at www.ShakeOut.org/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 October 15.
- Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- Do a “hazard hunt” for items that might fall during earthquakes and secure them.
- Create a personal or family disaster plan.
- Organize or refresh your emergency supply kits.
- Identify and correct any issues in your home’s structure.
- Other actions are at www.earthquakecountry.org.

Share the ShakeOut:

- Invite everyone who matters to you to register.
- Have a neighborhood party to discuss preparedness, and register for the ShakeOut.
- Encourage your community, employer, or other groups you are involved with to participate.
- Share your experience at www.shakeout.org/drill.



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

