



# The Great California ShakeOut

Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

## Schools

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! All schools are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise).

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](http://ShakeOut.org)

### 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/schools](http://ShakeOut.org/schools).

#### Plan Your Drill:

- Register at [www.ShakeOut.org/register](http://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. 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/schools](http://www.ShakeOut.org/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/resources](http://www.ShakeOut.org/resources).
- Share your experience at [www.shakeout.org/drill](http://www.shakeout.org/drill).



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

