



The Great California ShakeOut

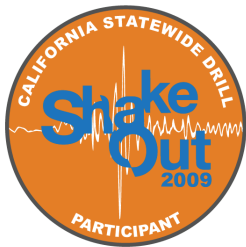
Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

Scouting Groups

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 scouting groups are encouraged to participate in the drill.

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 SCOUTS CAN PARTICIPATE

Here are simple things scouting groups can do to participate in the ShakeOut. Instructions and resources can be found at ShakeOut.org/scouts, including information about the 2009 ShakeOut Patch Program!

Plan Your Drill:

- Register at www.ShakeOut.org/register to be counted in the ShakeOut Drill, get email updates, and more.
- Participate in school “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drills at 10:15 a.m. on October 15, or schedule one later with your group.
- Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- Help neighbors identify items in their homes that might fall during earthquakes and secure them.
- Create a disaster plan for your scouting group.
- Organize or refresh your group’s emergency supplies.
- Other actions are at www.earthquakecountry.org.

Share the ShakeOut:

- Encourage everyone in your neighborhood to register.
- Have a community event to discuss preparedness, and register for the ShakeOut.
- Encourage local businesses and other organizations to participate and distribute ShakeOut information.
- 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

