

# The Great Southern California Shake Out



## Southern California Schools: Get Ready to ShakeOut!

### ShakeOut is One-of-a-Kind

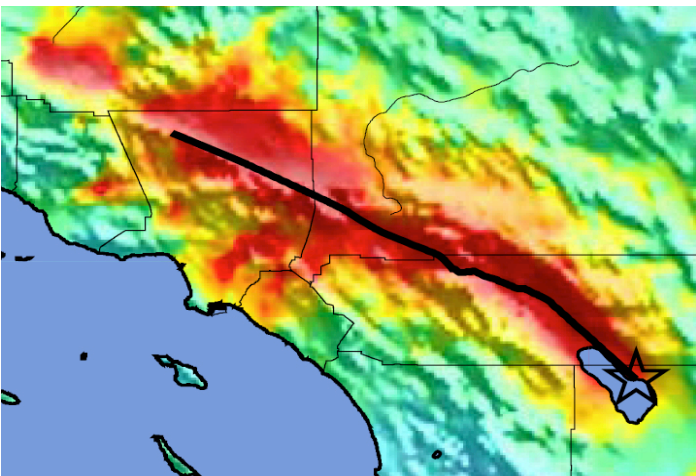
The Great Southern California ShakeOut is a week of special events **featuring the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history**, organized to inspire Southern Californians to get ready for big earthquakes, and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes. Millions of school children and residents plus thousands of businesses and organizations will join firefighters, police officers, and emergency responders in our largest-ever earthquake preparedness activity.

### An Earthquake Drill for the Record Books

Imagine 21 million southern Californians across eight counties getting under their desks at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 13, to “Drop, Cover, and Hold On.” Is it the Big One? No, it’s the ShakeOut Drill, but it could be the Big One. An enormous earthquake is an inevitable part of our future yet we are not ready for it. ShakeOut is our chance to finally get prepared, and to practice what we’ll do during a large earthquake.

### You Can Make a Difference!

If you join us, the ShakeOut can change lives - and save lives. We want every Southern Californian to “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” at 10:00 a.m. on November 13, 2008. But don’t stop there! There are many other ways to participate in the ShakeOut, tailored for businesses, schools, individuals, places of worship, and the community.



*This hypothetical – but possible – magnitude 7.8 earthquake on the San Andreas fault is the basis of the ShakeOut. The U.S. Geological Survey has led a collaboration of experts and to understand how this earthquake would affect southern California. In an earthquake like this one, the shaking will last two to three minutes. The 1994 Northridge earthquake shook for seven seconds.*

### Become a ShakeOut Participant

Sign up to participate at the ShakeOut web site. As a registered school participant you will:

- **Get notified** with updates as the ShakeOut evolves;
- **Receive a disaster script** developed for the day of the ShakeOut Drill, as a guide for what your school can do during the drill.
- **Get connected** with other participants;
- **Set an example** that motivates others to get prepared.

### You Can Take Action

Modest investments of time, thought, and effort will reap tremendous benefits for your school and your community by saving lives.

### Prepare Your Students and Staff

- Conduct a drill at your school at 10 am on November 13, 2008.
- Encourage your students and staff to engage their families and neighbors to also “Drop, Cover, and Hold On.”

### Create or Update Your School’s Disaster Plan

- Use the ShakeOut as an opportunity to explore the impacts of an earthquake like this on your school.
- Identify your disaster vulnerabilities and develop solutions to minimize injuries and interruptions.
- Analyze costs vs. benefits to prioritize mitigation.

### Become Resilient

- Are your computers strapped down?
- Are classroom shelves, cabinets, etc. secured?
- Do your buildings meet modern seismic codes?
- Do you need a back-up generator or water supply?
- The ShakeOut web site will guide you to additional resources, tips and solutions.

### Contribute to the ShakeOut

- Encourage staff, students, and parents to volunteer at and attend ShakeOut events.
- Sponsor ShakeOut events, publications, and education campaigns.

[www.ShakeOut.org](http://www.ShakeOut.org)

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