



Great Southern California ShakeOut: Educational Resources

For the **Great Southern California Shakeout**, Team SAFE-T has made available its state-approved K-12 Earthquake Curriculum. Instructions for how to access this curriculum are attached. These and other resources will also be at www.ShakeOut.org/schools.

- The Team SAFE-T program is designed to serve a diverse student population and be completely accessible at no-cost by internet at www.teamsafe-t.org. Class materials are available in English and Spanish, and take-home materials can be currently accessed in seven languages.
- Each of the five daily lessons in the Team SAFE-T program focuses on a different type of emergency situation, including: home and family preparedness; fire safety and evacuation drills; drop, cover and hold-on drills (for earthquakes); multi-hazard reverse evacuation drills (i.e., school shooting); and community preparedness and safety awareness.
- Families are invited to participate in take-home activities and attend assemblies where emergency responders and community members address how to create a family emergency plan, improve preparedness skills and take responsibility for each other.
- Materials for designing preparedness assemblies or requesting Team SAFE-T event help are also available online.
- Special pages with additional earthquake resources are being organized to help schools prepare for the “ShakeOut.”

What is Team SAFE-T?

Team SAFE-T (School and Family Emergency Training): A California Partnership for Safety and Preparedness is an alliance of public and private organizations dedicated to integrating safety and preparedness in schools throughout California.

- Administered through Californian's schools, Team SAFE-T's reaches students and families through an annualized, **standards-based, State-approved** curriculum developed to give easy-to-understand, age-appropriate instruction in emergency preparedness and citizenship training to every student at **no-cost** to schools. Team SAFE-T educates families to develop and successfully implement a family safety plan (with materials in seven languages) and seeks to raise community awareness concerning emergency preparedness and safety skills.
- The program is the first all-hazards approach of its kind in America and the only curriculum approved by the California Department of Education for use in all grades and schools. Team SAFE-T is committed to matriculating the first generations of prepared and responsible Student Citizens.
- Team SAFE-T is the key educational component of “Be Smart, Be Responsible, Be Prepared. Get Ready!,” California’s comprehensive disaster preparedness campaign. California First Lady Maria Shriver endorses and acknowledges the importance of the Team Safe-T materials.
- For more information, please contact Team SAFE-T at **866-71SAFE-T** or via e-mail at **support@teamsafe-t.org**.



Getting Started ...

Accessing safety and preparedness materials for classroom teaching, schools and families is just a few clicks away! This document will walk you through the enrollment process, and how to start teaching safety and preparing your school and students today!

If you have any questions about the instructions and information provided below, just give us a call at 1-866-71SAFE-T. We're eager to help you get started.

Enrollment Steps

Team SAFE-T classroom materials can be downloaded free-of-charge from the Team SAFE-T Web site (www.teamsafe-t.org). Follow these simple steps to download the materials for use in your classroom:

- ✓ Visit www.teamsafe-t.org and click on the "For Schools" link.
- ✓ Once you are in the "For Schools" section, you'll have a choice of downloading materials for elementary, middle or high school students. Select the level that is appropriate for your classroom.
- ✓ Next, you'll be directed to fill out your contact information, including your phone number and e-mail address. Please be sure to complete all fields. (Be assured, Team SAFE-T will never share your contact information with any third party. The information is only used by our organization to correspond with you and your school. And, at the end of the registration page, you can opt-out of receiving updates from the program, if you choose.)
- ✓ Once you've completed the registration page, you'll be directed to the Team SAFE-T Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). By accepting the terms of the MOU, you are acknowledging that the classroom materials are copyrighted, the property of Team SAFE-T and should only be used in conjunction with the Team SAFE-T program. In addition, the MOU commits you to completing a brief evaluation once you've taught the Team SAFE-T program to your students. If you're interested in seeing sample evaluation questions prior to accepting the MOU, you'll have the option on this page. Please keep in mind, we understand educators are very busy, and we have tried to keep

the evaluations as brief as possible. The information you provide in your evaluation is critical to helping us continue to refine and improve our classroom materials.

- ✓ Once you've accepted the MOU, you'll be able to select and print the classroom materials for the grade level you need. You'll also see an option to print classroom materials in Spanish and another option to download the Team SAFE-T take-home materials in a variety of other languages. Select the languages that best fit the needs of your students.
- ✓ If you don't have access to the Internet or would prefer to receive a hard copy of the classroom materials, call us toll-free at 1-866-71SAFE-T.
- ✓ If you have questions about the classroom materials or need help getting started, please e-mail Team SAFE-T at support@teamsafe-t.org or call us toll free at 1-866-71SAFE-T.

Tips for Using Team SAFE-T Materials In Your Classroom

Now that you have downloaded the classroom materials, you're ready to get started. The following tips will help you implement the Team SAFE-T curriculum:

- ✓ It's important to alert parents that their children will be learning emergency preparedness through the Team SAFE-T program. Use the template letter included in this enrollment kit to alert parents about the program being taught at your school.
- ✓ Remember – Team SAFE-T isn't extra coursework – it's an easier, more thorough way to teach information students already need to learn. California has mandated that schools statewide teach children skills necessary to help themselves and those around them be safe when earthquakes and fires strike. Northern California is also mandated to ensure that schools equip students with skills for winter weather preparedness. The Team SAFE-T educational materials meet these mandates and help schools comply.
- ✓ The program is designed to be taught over a one-week period. Five lesson plans – one for each day of the week – have been created for each grade from K-12, and each plan can be taught in 45 minutes.
- ✓ In addition to daily in-classroom lessons, Team SAFE-T also provides take-home materials that will help students and their families develop an emergency plan for their homes. These materials are available in multiple languages so parents and students can easily access pertinent skills and information. Don't forget to send these materials home with students.
- ✓ The preferred time to teach the classroom materials is during School Safety Month in October, but if that doesn't fit within your classroom schedule, you can teach the weeklong curriculum anytime during the school year.
- ✓ If you have questions about how to teach any of the lessons, you can reach Team SAFE-T technical assistance at 1-866-71SAFE-T.
- ✓ Once you've completed the weeklong curriculum, you'll have three weeks to complete the program evaluation. Remember – the information you provide in your evaluation will help us continually improve the classroom materials to create an even better experience for future classrooms.

Thank you again for becoming a Team SAFE-T school and for doing your part to ensure your students are prepared for emergency situations. We're glad you've joined us!