



# The Great Utah ShakeOut

Statewide Earthquake Drill

## HOA/Retirement Communities Get Ready to ShakeOut!

Register today at [ShakeOut.org/utah](http://ShakeOut.org/utah)

At 10:15 a.m. on April 17, 2012, hundreds of thousands of Utahns will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great Utah ShakeOut, our largest earthquake drill ever! All HOA and Retirement Communities are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise).

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you work, live, or travel in Utah. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you, your family, and your community.



Why is 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 something falls on you.

Millions of people across the country have participated in ShakeOut drills since 2008. Utahns will join the activity in 2012 as part of a statewide earthquake response exercise.

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

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here are a few suggestions for what HOA and Retirement Communities can do to participate in the ShakeOut. More instructions and resources can be found at [www.ShakeOut.org/utah/hoaretirement](http://www.ShakeOut.org/utah/hoaretirement).

#### Plan Your Drill:

- Register at [www.ShakeOut.org/utah/register](http://www.ShakeOut.org/utah/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 April 17.
- Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

#### Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- Create (or update) and practice an overall disaster plan.
- Establish a block captain organizational approach.
- Distribute “Ok/Help” status signs for residents to use.
- Secure furnishings & other contents in offices and living spaces with appropriate seismic restraints.
- Encourage both staff and residents to prepare at home.
- Host CERT training programs.
- Other actions are at [beready.utah.gov](http://beready.utah.gov).

#### Share the ShakeOut:

- Encourage everyone to urge others to register, and ask neighborhood businesses to post flyers.
- Encourage other similar organizations to participate.
- Posters, flyers, and other materials for promoting the ShakeOut are at [www.ShakeOut.org/utah/resources](http://www.ShakeOut.org/utah/resources).
- Share your experience at [www.shakeout.org/utah/share](http://www.shakeout.org/utah/share).



As a registered ShakeOut participant you will:

- Learn what you can do to get prepared
- Be counted in our largest earthquake drill ever!
- Receive ShakeOut news and other earthquake information
- Set an example that motivates others to participate

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