



# The Great Utah ShakeOut

Statewide Earthquake Drill

## Local Government 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 local governments and their agencies 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 organization, 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 local governments and agencies can do to participate in the ShakeOut. More information is at [www.ShakeOut.org/utah/localgovernments](http://www.ShakeOut.org/utah/localgovernments).

#### 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.
- Download a Drill Broadcast recording from [www.ShakeOut.org/drill/broadcast](http://www.ShakeOut.org/drill/broadcast).
- Have a two-minute “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill at 10:15 a.m. on April 17.
- You may also want to coordinate an exercise 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.
- Inspect your facilities for items that might fall and cause injury, and secure them.
- Encourage employees to prepare at home.
- Provide first aid and response training for employees.
- Other actions are at [beready.utah.gov](http://beready.utah.gov).

#### Share the ShakeOut:

- Encourage employees to ask their friends, families, and neighbors to register.
- Agencies with outreach roles can include ShakeOut messaging in their routine activities.
- 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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