



The Great California ShakeOut

Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

CERT Groups Get Ready to ShakeOut!

At 10:20 a.m. on October 20, 2011, millions of Californians will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great California ShakeOut, the largest earthquake drill ever! All CERT groups are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise).

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 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.

More than 7.9 million Southern Californians participated in the 2010 ShakeOut statewide. The Great California ShakeOut will be held on the third Thursday of October each year.

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

Register today at ShakeOut.org

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here are simple things CERT groups can do to participate in the ShakeOut. Instructions and resources can be found at www.ShakeOut.org/certmembers.

Plan Your Drill:

- Register at www.ShakeOut.org/register to be counted in the ShakeOut Drill, get email updates, and more.
- Download a Drill Broadcast recording from www.ShakeOut.org/drill/broadcast.
- Have a neighborhood “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill at 10:20 a.m. on October 20.
- Test the notification/recall of your CERT program.
- 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 neighborhood disaster plan.
- Organize or refresh your team’s emergency supplies.
- Sponsor a CERT refresher course.
- Other actions are at www.earthquakecountry.org.

Share the ShakeOut:

- Encourage everyone in your neighborhood to register.
- Have a neighborhood party 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/share.



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

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