



# Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills

## Museums, Libraries, and Parks

On October 21, 2021, millions of people will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great ShakeOut, the world’s largest earthquake drill ever! All museums, libraries, parks, science centers, and other public venues are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise). Your drill can be held on a different day if necessary.

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. 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? To respond 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 worldwide have participated in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills since 2008. The Great ShakeOut is held on the third Thursday of October each year.

**Education and Public Information Centers (EPIcenters):** Join free-choice learning institution leaders that serve as ShakeOut ambassadors. Learn more: [EarthquakeCountry.org/EPIcenter](http://EarthquakeCountry.org/EPIcenter).

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

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here are a few suggestions for what museums, libraries, parks and other public venues can do to participate in the ShakeOut. More instructions and resources can be found at [ShakeOut.org/howtoparticipate](http://ShakeOut.org/howtoparticipate).

#### Plan Your Drill:

- Register at [ShakeOut.org/register](http://ShakeOut.org/register) to be counted as participating, get email updates, and more.
- Download a Drill Broadcast recording from [ShakeOut.org/drill/broadcast](http://ShakeOut.org/drill/broadcast).
- Decide whether your drill will include the public or be a staff-only drill (see public drill planning guide at [EarthquakeCountry.org/EPICenter](http://EarthquakeCountry.org/EPICenter).)
- Have a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill. You can also practice other aspects 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.
- Sure items that might fall and cause injury.
- Make sure critical staff members are prepared at home so they can report to work or stay on duty.
- Encourage staff and visitors to prepare at home.
- Provide first aid and response training for staff.

#### Share the ShakeOut:

- Encourage staff to ask their friends, families, and neighbors to register.
- Ask colleagues at other organizations to participate.
- Find posters, flyers, and other materials for promoting the ShakeOut at [ShakeOut.org/resources](http://ShakeOut.org/resources).
- Share photos and stories of your drill on social media.



### 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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