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## **DROP. COVER. HOLD.**

*Island urged to exercise earthquake preparedness on 10/21 at 10:21*

At 10:21 a.m. on October 21, 2010, Guam will join the nation in biggest earthquake drill in the United States history by hosting the Great Guam ShakeOut. All island residents are urged to exercise their exercise preparedness and drop, cover and hold!

The Great Guam Shakeout is a one minute drill to practice how to protect ourselves during an earthquake and how to take the necessary steps to ensure an earthquake disaster won't become a catastrophe. All Government of Guam departments and agencies, emergency response organizations, military partners and several of the island's public and private schools, businesses and individual families have already begun the process to ensuring they are ready for the next earthquake.

To participate, residents or organizations can register at [www.shakeout.org/Guam](http://www.shakeout.org/Guam) or click on the ShakeOut link on [www.guamhs.org](http://www.guamhs.org) and following these simple steps:

- Plan your drill – drop, cover and hold on 10/21 at 10:21
- Get prepared for earthquakes – create a hazard hunt, make a disaster plan or create an emergency supply kit
- Share the ShakeOut – encourage your family, friends and co-workers to join

This drill began as the Great Southern California ShakeOut in 2008. It was the largest earthquake drill in US history at the time with a total of 5.4 million participants spanning eight counties. Today, two years later, the drill has grown to include California, Oregon, Nevada, British Columbia, New Zealand and Guam.

For more information please contact Edeine Camacho at 475.9600 for more information or visit [www.shakeout.org/Guam](http://www.shakeout.org/Guam) or [www.guamhs.org](http://www.guamhs.org) for more information.

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