

# SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

## THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT

Each October, California (and many parts of the country) participates in **The Great California ShakeOut**, a large-scale earthquake drill aimed at building readiness, reinforcing response routines, and reducing risk. In 2025, the drill is scheduled for:

**Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 10:16 AM (local time).**

By formally scheduling it, districts, schools, colleges, and other organizations commit to practicing essential earthquake safety behaviors — and that helps turn awareness into muscle memory.

### Why in Matters in 2025?

According to the latest statewide seismic forecasts, there is a **99.7% chance** of one or more earthquakes of magnitude 6.7 or greater somewhere in California within the next 30 years. Practicing drills, like those conducted during the Great ShakeOut, enhances response times and safety, helping to protect both lives and property during seismic events.



### Earthquake Safety Tips for Schools and Colleges:

In the event of an earthquake, swift and informed action can make all the difference. Here are key steps to keep in mind:

- 🔊 **"Drop, Cover, and Hold On"** - During shaking, drop to the ground, take cover under a desk or sturdy table, and hold on until it stops.
- 🔊 **Secure Your Space** - Keep bookshelves, cabinets, and heavy items anchored or stored low to reduce falling hazards.
- 🔊 **Stay Connected** - Have emergency contacts handy and know how your school will communicate if phones or internet go down.
- 🔊 **Know Your Routes** - Know the locations of fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and established evacuation routes within the school.
- 🔊 **Check Emergency Supplies** - Familiarize yourself with emergency kit containing essential supplies like water, non-perishable food, first aid items, a flashlight, and batteries. Go to [Ready.Gov](https://www.ready.gov) for tips.

### Additional Resources

For more information and resources, visit:

- ❖ [The Great California ShakeOut](https://www.shakeout.org/california/) for Drill Manuals and Safety Guidelines <https://www.shakeout.org/california/>
- ❖ [MyShake App](https://myshake.berkeley.edu/) a free mobile application that provides real-time earthquake information and alerts based on the user's location: <https://myshake.berkeley.edu/>
- ❖ [Earthquake Country Alliance](https://www.earthquakecountry.org/sevensteps) offers free resources to help individuals and communities prepare for earthquakes. [www.EarthquakeCountry.org/sevensteps](https://www.earthquakecountry.org/sevensteps)

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