

LISTOS CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS



STAY SAFE IN EARTHQUAKES

Preparing for earthquakes and knowing what to do after one happens can save lives. Stay safe by being earthquake ready.

Before an Earthquake



- Practice DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON at home and work.
- Get life-saving seconds to stay safe before shaking starts by downloading and setting up alerts from California's Earthquake Early Warning system at earthquake.ca.gov.
- Secure loose and tall furniture to minimize damage or threat of injury.
- Have a Go Bag and shoes in a place that you can find quickly if you have to evacuate.

Protect Yourself During Earthquakes

- If inside, do not rush outside or stand in a doorway. Never use elevators! Remember, DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON.
- If in bed, stay there and COVER your head with a pillow.
- If outdoors, move away from anything that can fall, especially power lines, trees, street lights, and buildings.
- If driving, pull over and set the parking brake. Make sure you stop away from trees, bridges, buildings, or power lines.

Stay Alert After Earthquakes

- Be ready for aftershocks over several days or weeks. Whenever you feel shaking, DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON.
- Listen to local radio and TV programs for reliable emergency information and watch out for official emergency alerts.
- If near the coast, evacuate as soon as the shaking stops. Earthquakes can lead to tsunamis, and you should not return until there is an all clear announcement.
- Check for hazards around you, including gas leaks, downed power lines, ruptured pipes, and more. If you smell gas, evacuate everyone immediately.
- Do not enter damaged buildings! Wait until officials say it is safe, even if that means waiting at a shelter. Call your local or county authorities to find exit routes to the nearest shelter.

