Local Government
Get Ready to ShakeOut!

At 10:18 a.m. on October 18, 2012, millions of Californians will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great California ShakeOut, the largest earthquake drill ever! All local governments and their agencies 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 family, 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 8.6 million Californians participated in the 2011 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.

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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