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Are you ready for the "Great Southern California Shakeout?" Visit <http://www.shakeout.org/> for more...

Event Details

Date: Thurs., October 21, 2010

Time: 10:21 a.m.

Location: Your Work, School, and Home

At 10:21 a.m. join millions of Californians participate in the largest earthquake drill ever!

The purpose of the ShakeOut is to practice how to protect ourselves during earthquakes, and to get prepared at work, school, and home. Major earthquakes can cause catastrophes. With earthquakes as an inevitable part of our future, people should make plans and take actions to ensure that disasters do not become catastrophes.

What we do now, will determine what our lives will be like afterwards. With this in mind, the Earthquake County Alliance created the ShakeOut, an earthquake drill and preparedness activity in which in which everyone can participate.

For more information, please call 323-848-6371 or www.earthquakecountry.org

****HOW TO PARTICIPATE****

Here are a few suggestions for what businesses can do to participate in the ShakeOut. More information and resources can be found at ShakeOut.org/businesses.

Plan Your Drill:

- 1 Register at www.ShakeOut.org/register to be counted in the ShakeOut Drill, get email updates, and more.
- 2 Have a "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drill at 10:21 a.m. on October 21. You can also exercise other aspects of your emergency plan.
- 3 Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- 4 Check your emergency supplies and equipment; make sure they are accessible and functional.
- 5 Ask departments to inspect facilities for items that might fall and cause injury and secure them.
- 6 Encourage employees to prepare at home.
- 7 Provide first aid and response training for staff.

Share the ShakeOut:

- 1 Encourage employees to ask their friends, families and neighbors to register.
- 2 Ask colleagues at other businesses to participate. 3 Posters, flyers, and other materials for promoting the ShakeOut are at www.ShakeOut.org/resources.
- 4 Share your experience at www.shakeout.org/drill.

****Additional Information****

For Businesses <http://www.shakeout.org/downloads/ShakeOutBusinesses2010.pdf>

For Media

<http://www.shakeout.org/media/index.html>

LA County Events Calendar

<http://www.shakeout.org/calendar/index.php?active=1&county=Los+Angeles>