

# 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](http://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.



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