



Partners in Prevention

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Register Now for Southern California QuakeSmart Workshops

With scientists forecasting a 75 percent chance of a magnitude 7 or higher earthquake striking Southern California in the next 30 years, FLASH and FEMA are offering additional [QuakeSmart Preparedness Workshops](#) to help businesses and organizations get ready.

During the workshops on May 16 in Long Beach and May 18 in Los Angeles, attendees will learn how to:

- Identify risk by learning about business continuity, disaster response, and the cost benefits of preparing for earthquakes and other business interruptions;
- Develop a plan to identify preparedness and mitigation actions needed to ensure the safety of their employees and customers, as well as conduct assessments and begin to plan for retrofit projects; and
- Take action to learn how to perform disaster preparedness and mitigation activities.

Both Los Angeles-area workshops will feature Deputy Director for the U.S. Small Business Administration Ben Raju and Los Angeles Chief Resilience Officer Marisa Aho.

The QuakeSmart Preparedness Workshops are part of a robust collaboration that includes FEMA, FLASH, the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management, City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department, City of Long Beach Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications Department, Earthquake Country Alliance, Southern California Earthquake Center, California Institute of Technology, and many more.

Information, workshop agendas, and invitations for each workshop are available at quakesmartcommunity.org. The workshops are free, but online registration is required.

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