

# EMERGENCY PLAN: EARTHQUAKES



A step-by-step guide on Earthquake disaster management for UCSB students.

## TO PREPARE FOR AN EARTHQUAKE:

- Attach all bookcases, cabinets, compressed gas cylinders and other furnishings to a wall or to the floor
- Store all heavy items below head level
- Restrain chemicals that are on open shelves with seismic retaining strips

## DURING AN EARTHQUAKE:

- If you are inside: Stay away from windows and get under a desk or a table; Drop, cover and hold on
  - In a hallway, sit against the wall and protect your head with your arms;
  - In an auditorium, duck between the rows of seats and protect your head; Take cover until the shaking stops, then evacuate the building and go to the nearest Emergency Assembly Point
- If you are outside: Get to an open area away from trees, buildings, and power lines
- If you are in a vehicle: Pull to the side of the road away into open space; Remain in the vehicle until the shaking stops.

## AFTER A QUAKE:

- Check for injuries and damage
- Check water, gas, and electric lines for damage (if at home).
- Stay away from beaches (watch out for tsunamis and high waves!).
- Steer clear of damaged buildings and falling debris.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Secure your water heater, kitchen appliances
- Secure your tall furniture, cabinets, and bookcases
- Secure your TVs, computers, and electronics
- Secure wall-mounted objects
- Secure objects on open shelves or table tops

## NEED TO KNOW:

- California and Alaska are generally the most seismically active regions in North America
- UCSB and Isla Vista lie exactly near an Earthquake fault zone
- Cal OES MyHazards ranks UCSB in a region of HIGH ground shaking

## CONTACTS:

- Pay attention to messages from [Android Earthquake Alerts](#) or [Wireless Emergency Alerts](#) from the government!
- Sign up to receive customized [Earthquake Notification Service \(USGS\)](#) messages about earthquakes
- For information on road conditions in Santa Barbara County, visit [CALTRANS Road Conditions](#) or call [800-427-ROADS \(800-427-7623\)](#).



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