



The Great British Columbia ShakeOut

Public Safety Canada is pleased to support the Great British Columbia ShakeOut, the largest earthquake drill in Canadian history.

Our department's mandate is to keep Canadians safe from a range of risks such as natural disasters, crime and terrorism. To do this, Public Safety Canada coordinates and supports the efforts of federal organizations ensuring national security and the safety of Canadians. We also work with other levels of government, first responders, community groups, the private sector and other nations.

The Great British Columbia ShakeOut, organized by the BC Earthquake Alliance, serves as an important reminder that British Columbians live in the most seismically active area in Canada. The drill will serve to inform British Columbians of the internationally recognized "Drop, Cover and Hold On" protocol.

We all have a role to play in keeping our families and communities safe. This includes ensuring we take as many precautions as possible to prepare for emergency situations such as earthquakes or other natural disasters. Every one of us should be aware of the risks, make a plan and obtain an emergency kit.

For quick and easy tips on how to prepare for emergencies and other safety-related information visit www.getprepared.gc.ca and follow @Get_Prepared on Twitter. For more information on emergency management in Canada, please visit Public Safety Canada's website www.publicsafety.gc.ca

I encourage you to register for the Great British Columbia ShakeOut and the "Drop Cover and Hold on" drill – and participate!

Sincerely,

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