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**The Great British Columbia ShakeOut  
Be part of the largest Canadian earthquake drill on October 20, 2011**

**Across BC, Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – Recent Earthquake has BC Shakeout  
Organizing Committee Urging BC Residents to Prepare.**

On Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:48pm a 6.4 magnitude earthquake along with a series of significant aftershocks occurred just off the west coast of Vancouver Island, with mild shaking felt in many BC jurisdictions. British Columbia is on one of the most active seismic faults in the world and there are approximately 1200 earthquakes per year.

On October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:20 am thousands of British Columbians will make history and join others along the west coast of the United States, the Central United States, Guam and New Zealand in the largest earthquake drill in the world. To date over 110,000 BC residents have signed up to participate! With the recent reminder that BC is in a seismically active zone and with the many lessons learned from the recent quakes in Japan and New Zealand, the Shakeout BC Organizing Committee would like to encourage all residents in British Columbia to register today for the Great British Columbia Shakeout drill. The drill takes only a minute of your day and offers residents, businesses and agencies the opportunity to practice the recommended safety technique of Drop, Cover and Hold-On, while at the same time serve as a reminder to review emergency plans and your emergency supplies.

For more information on earthquake preparedness and to register for the drill, visit [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca) or email [info@shakeoutbc.ca](mailto:info@shakeoutbc.ca).

For more information about emergency preparedness in your community, contact your local government Emergency Program Office.

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