



School Safety and Emergency Management

Monthly Minute: Earthquake Safety

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Monthly Minute is a newsletter providing insight and tips on potential threats and hazards brought to you by your regional school emergency management professionals in partnership with the Oregon Department of Education.



Cascadia is only one earthquake hazard that Oregon faces. While a major earthquake near the coast could affect much of the state, smaller earthquakes elsewhere can still cause enough damage to interrupt daily life. Earthquakes can have broad impacts including damage and disruption to utilities, roads and buildings.

A high-quality emergency operations plan will consider actions to take before,

during and after an earthquake. Set goals that are achievable in any time or place. Here are some things to consider before, during and after an earthquake:

- Inspect your facilities early and often to identify weak points that could worsen in an earthquake—even if you are unable to reinforce all weak points now, knowing what and where they are could inform your plan of action during and after an earthquake.

- Establish and practice earthquake drills in your school. International shakeout day is the third Thursday of the month (October 21st).
- Have a communications plan that will notify parents of an early dismissal if your facilities become unsafe to occupy.
- Have a plan in place that will support all persons with access and functional needs—consider everyone who may need additional assistance in a disaster.

For additional resources on earthquake preparedness check out the links below.

Contact Information

Scan the QR code below or [click this link](#) to connect with a regional school emergency management professional.



Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 9:00am to get assistance with this or other emergency preparedness topics: [ZOOM LINK!](#)

Earthquake Resources

[The Great Oregon Shakeout](#) scheduled for the third Thursday of this month (October 21st).

[Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools \(REMS\)](#) info on shakeout drills and earthquake planning.

Oregon Emergency Management [local contacts list](#).