

Are you ready for the next earthquake?

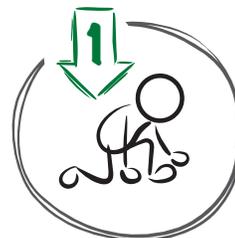
In an earthquake, you could have precious seconds of warning to **DROP-COVER-HOLD ON** or take other protective actions, depending on your situation and environment.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) ShakeAlert® Earthquake Early Warning system detects significant earthquakes quickly, so alerts can be delivered to trigger automated actions, such as slowing a train, opening fire station doors, or telling people to take protective action before shaking begins.

The USGS issues ShakeAlert Messages that are used by public and private partners to deliver alerts to people, including through the internet, radio, television, and mobile devices. If weak or greater shaking is expected at your location, you may get a Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) on your cell phone, just like a severe weather or AMBER alert, or you may get an alert as a public announcement. You can also download apps to get alerts; check with your state or local emergency management agency for apps that cover your area. It is important to get alerts by as many means as possible.



If you **FEEL SHAKING** or **GET AN ALERT...**



DROP!



COVER!



HOLD ON!

ShakeAlert does not predict when or where an earthquake will occur or how long it will last, and depending on your location, you may not get an alert before shaking begins. As soon as you feel shaking or get an alert, take protective action! **DROP-COVER-HOLD ON, because seconds matter.**

For more information, visit ShakeAlert.org and follow USGS on Twitter @USGS_ShakeAlert.

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