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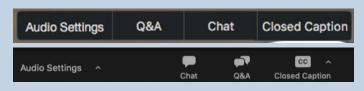


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- Statewide Sector-based committees and Outreach Bureaus develop resources and deliver programs
- Local Regional Alliances organize meetings and outreach activities
- California's Office of Emergency Services provides FEMA funding for ECA activities
- USC's Southern California Earthquake Center administers ECA



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#### **Host**

 Shannon Mulhall (Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, City of Fresno & Chair, Seniors & People with Disabilities Committee)

#### **Presenters**

- Michele Wood (Professor and Chair, CSU Fullerton Department of Public Health)
- Sara McBride (ShakeAlert Social Science Coordinator, United States Geological Survey)
- Amanda Moyer (Executive Officer, California Earthquake Early Warning Program, CalOES)
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#### Step 5 Webinar Agenda

- 1. Research behind self-protective action guidance
- 2. ShakeOut to ShakeAlert®: Research to Practice for Drop, Cover, and Hold On
- Earthquake Warning California Don't Get Caught Off Guard
- 4. Self-Protective Guidance for Various Settings
- 5. Self-Protective Guidance for Various Capabilities
- Q&A after each presenter, and at the end

#### Research Behind Self-Protective Action Guidance



Dr. Michele Wood
Professor and Chair
CSU Fullerton Department of Public Health

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#### **Evidence Supporting DCHO and Other Guidance**

Entering/ Exiting Buildings

- Whittier Narrows, Loma Prieta, Northridge: Exiting buildings associated w injury
- **Northridge**: People who tried to move had higher rates of injury; falls were leading cause of hospitalized injury (most often from exiting building)
- · CA: Residential housing largely wood-framed, less prone to collapse

Falling/ Flying/ Sliding Objects

- 1999 Kocaeli: 85% deaths/injuries due to being struck by falling object
- Whittier Narrows, Loma Prieta, Northridge: Falling non-structural items was most common cause of injury

Movement

- Gölcük: Staying put-sitting down associated w/ less injury than any other action
- 2010/11 Canterbury: Tripping/falling most common cause of injury
- Northridge: Those who stayed in bed were less likely to be injured
- 1999 Kocaeli risk: In bed asleep < in bed awake < standing, sitting still
- 2011 Christchurch: Those who held onto something less likely to fall

#### How does Drop, Cover, and Hold On work in real time?

(M7.1 Anchorage Earthquake 2018)



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#### **Evidence Supporting Guidance: Other Indoor Situations**

Two walls (corners) may provide more protection than one; corners may be sturdier locations; objects can fall from fewer directions

Low-lying furniture may deflect falling/flying/sliding objects; must weigh risk of no cover against risk of movement to low-lying furniture

Research on elevator performance suggest risks associated w/ shaking, power loss

Fire is one of the most deadly secondary disasters that can follow an earthquake; shaking can topple stoves, ignite flames

When current location is risky (e.g., kitchen/lab), moving may be safer than staying; controversial because of the risk associated with movement; situational awareness

#### **Evidence Supporting Guidance: Outdoors**

#### **General Outdoors**

Threat of death/injury from falling objects entering/exiting buildings

Threat of injury from falling/falling objects while moving

Downtown areas near buildings, near glass: Risk of injury/death from falling objects/glass

#### **Driving**

Northridge: Driver "overcorrection" and damage to transportation infrastructure (e.g., traffic signals) led to multiple deaths

Simulation research found overcorrection and delayed response time led to inadvertent maneuvering to adjacent lanes

Roads may be closed, damaged

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# Evidence Supporting Protective Guidance: Coastal/Tsunami Areas

Moving to high ground during earthquake shaking can lead to injuries from falling, being struck by objects

Death/injury/damage from tsunami can surpass that from initial earthquake (so move when safe to do so)

Length of shaking as indicator of tsunami risk not universal; timeframe between shaking and tsunami threat not universal

Most buildings not designed to withstand tsunami; however, upper stories of strong, tall buildings may be able to provide protection if no other option available

# Evidence Supporting Guidance for Those with Disabilities / Access & Functional Needs Professional practice expertise Logic Evidence supporting importance of avoiding falls

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#### **Evidence for why Certain Actions are Not Recommended**

#### **Take Cover in Doorway**

- Doorways provide little/no cover, no more protection than other locations
- Moving to doorway introduces risk of falling
- Crowding in doorways

#### "Triangle of Life"

- US buildings do not usually suffer catastrophic collapse
- Not possible to identify structural voids in advance, even with warning
- Moving introduces risk from falling, being struck by falling/flying/sliding objects

#### **General Principles of Earthquake Safety**

### Get Low to Ground

 Reduces likelihood of falling

#### Make Self Small

 Reduces likelihood of being struck by falling/ flying/ sliding objects

#### Protect Head

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 Northridge:
 Head most common area injured among fatalities

### Turn off Flames

 Reduces likelihood of starting gas fire

"Situational Awareness"

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# ShakeOut to ShakeAlert®: Research to Practice for Drop, Cover, and Hold On



Dr. Sara McBride
ShakeAlert Social Science Coordinator
United States Geological Survey

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# So why is the recommended protective action "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" when you feel shaking?

Injury data from USA, Japan, and New Zealand indicate that people are most often injured when moving drastically during shaking (e.g. moving to reach children or evacuating from a building).



#### **How DCHO protects you**

- Dropping where you are is a critical component to the action because it reduced the chance of you breaking a limb.
- Getting under something sturdy, if you can, like a desk or table, will protect you from anything falling on top of you.
- Holding on ensures you are stabilized under the desk.



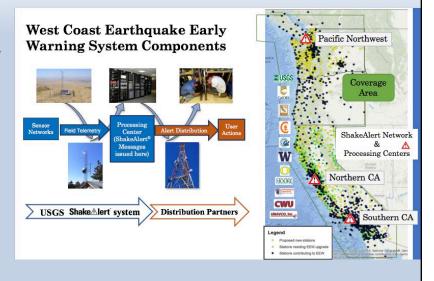
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## What are some barriers as to why people don't do ShakeOut?

- A study from 2012 and 2015 ShakeOut drills in New Zealand suggests that there are a variety of reasons why people don't do Drop, Cover, and Hold On.
- 9,000 observers were involved in the drills, with thousands observed. The main barriers to doing the drill were:
  - Embarrassment
  - Fragility/Aged/Disability
  - Lack of belief in the success of the actions
  - Working/busy
  - Caretakers of children e.g. parents, teachers helping children instead of helping themselves
  - And other reasons.

#### Connecting ShakeAlert® to the Seven Steps

- The USGS-managed ShakeAlert® Earthquake Early Warning System is now operational in California, Oregon, and Washington.
- ShakeAlert is one of many tools in one's earthquake risk reduction toolbox.



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#### Okay but what if you get an earthquake alert?

- ShakeAlert® and its partners are now testing the delivery of alerts to wireless devices in California (OR and WA to follow soon).
- The System can provide seconds of alert that stronger shaking is coming.
- It is not a prediction of an earthquake; the earthquake is already in progress.



**PROTECT** (Technical Partners)

The alert protects people and vital infrastructure by instructing computers to trigger automated actions, such as slowing trains, closing water valves, opening firehouse doors, starting back-up generators, and issuing public announcements.

You may get an alert to a cell phone through a downloadable app or automatically as a Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), just like severe weather and AMBER alerts. You may also get an alert by TV, radio, or as a public announcement. You may only have seconds to take immediate protective actions, such as DROP-COVER-HOLD ON. You may have to adjust to your situation

Do not wait, because seconds matter!

Shake Alert

#### How ShakeAlert® works with Drop, Cover and Hold On

- As with any technology, there are limitations. It takes time for the earthquake to be detected, processed, and for an alert to be delivered by a ShakeAlert partner. If you are very close to the epicenter
- Seconds matter, so it is unlikely you'll have more time to do other actions other than the DCHO suite of actions.
- In reference to Step 5, LAUSD Administrator Jill Barnes says:
  - "ShakeAlert asks you to do what you already do, but sooner."



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#### Social Science Working Group for ShakeAlert

- Includes 12 projects across five states and four nations.
- More than 20 researchers involved in the project.
- Studies human behavior, perceptions, attitudes, and emergency preparedness in communities across the three West Coast states (WA, OR, CA).
- This work will continue to inform improvements in the ShakeAlert system and what we know about protective actions.

#### **Thank You!**

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#### Earthquake Warning California – Don't Get Caught Off Guard



Amanda Moyer

Executive Officer

Earthquake Warning California, CalOES





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#### Earthquake Warning California - Don't Get Caught Off Guard

Earthquake Warning California is the state's earthquake early warning system, which provides tools and resources to warn Californians in advance of an earthquake.

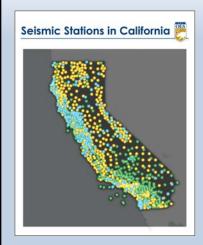
The system relies on **innovative technology** that sends warnings to smartphone applications, operating systems, and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA).

Earthquake Warning California can help the public, first responders, utility providers, transit systems, and other key industrial and business sectors take actions to save lives.

Visit www.earthquake.ca.gov to learn more.



#### **Earthquake Warning California**



- How Does it Work?
- There are more than 700 earthquake sensors across the state.
- When an earthquake occurs it must hit three sensors and those sensors send data to an earthquake alert center.
- The earthquake alert center runs an algorithm that determines magnitude, shaking intensity, and location and then sends an alert directly to:
  - The Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) for Government Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA),
  - An App like MyShake, or
  - An Android device











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#### **How Can I Get Alerts?**

- MyShake App
- Wireless Government Emergency Alerts (WEA)
- Android Earthquake Alerts

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#### **MyShake App**

- Download the app for free via Google Play or the Apple App store.
- Location services must be set to "always on" to allow the app to provide warnings. The app does not currently override "Do Not Disturb" or Silent mode.
- Push notifications are sent to the user's phone or mobile device when they need them.
- This is an innovative system that is being continuously refined and upgraded.
- The app collects data from the phones accelerometer that acts as a mini seismometer to show trends and improve app earthquake monitoring. UC Berkeley does not collect any personal or identifying information taken from users.



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#### **Self-Protective Guidance for Various Settings**



Mark Benthien
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#### **How to Protect Yourself**

In most situations and building types:













**Drop** on to your hands and knees, where you are

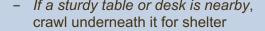
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#### **How to Protect Yourself**

In most situations and building types:



Cover your head and neck with one arm and hand.











If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, - If no table/desk, crawl against a wall or next to low furniture for sideways protection

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#### **How to Protect Yourself**

In most situations and building types:















Hold On to your shelter until shaking stops

Be ready to move with your shelter

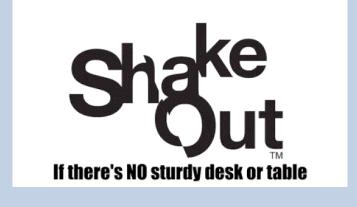
- If not under a shelter, hold on to your head/neck with both arms and hands

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#### Drop, Cover, and Hold On: NO Nearby Desk or Table



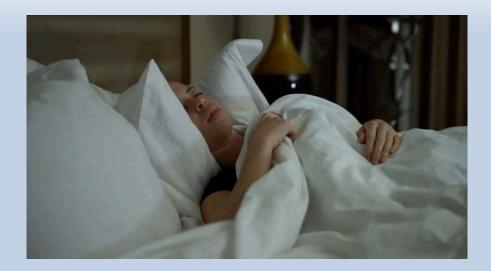
#### **Other Self-Protective Actions**

- Learn how to protect yourself wherever you are: ShakeOut in Place.
- If you can't get back up don't get down
   EarthquakeCountry.org/disability
- Guidance for many other situations— <u>EarthquakeCountry.org/step5</u> <u>Terremotos.org/paso5</u>
- Videos: Youtube.com/greatshakeout



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#### Earthquake Safety If You Are In Bed



#### **Earthquake Safety If You Driving**



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#### Drop, Cover, and Hold On: In a Stadium or Theater

# **Earthquake Safety Video Series**

If You're in a Stadium or Theater





#### **Some Other Settings**

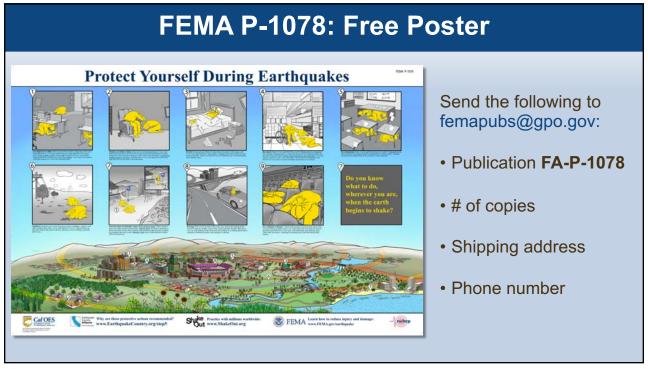
- In a high-rise: *Drop, Cover, and Hold On.* Avoid windows and other hazards. Do not use elevators. Do not be surprised if sprinkler systems or fire alarms activate.
- In a classroom: *Drop, Cover, and Hold On.* Laboratories or other settings may have special safety considerations. Students should also be taught what to do at home or other locations.
- In a store: *Drop, Cover, and Hold On.* Getting next to a shopping cart, beneath clothing racks, or within the first level of warehouse racks may provide extra protection.

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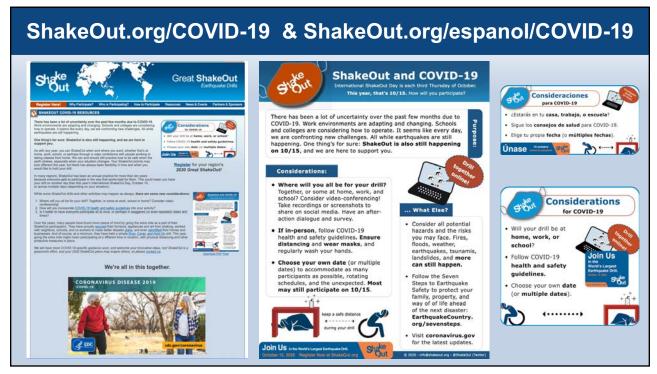
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#### **Self-Protective Guidance for Various Capabilities**



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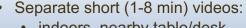
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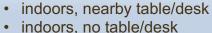
#### **Earthquake Safety Video Series**













· theater/stadium



near the shore



- in a car in bed



- View full videos at Youtube.com/greatshakeout



 Download full videos and these GIFs at www.ShakeOut.org/messaging

people with mobility disabilities

#### **Earthquake Safety for Various Mobility Devices**

#### For an individual who uses a:

Wheelchair 0:22
Power Wheelchair 1:22
Cane or Single Crutch 2:12
Double Crutches or Arm Braces 3:09
Walker 4:14
Rollator-Style Walker 5:43

Or has:

Limited Upper-Body Movement 06:51

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#### Person Using a Wheelchair, Near a Table



#### For an individual who uses a:

Wheelchair

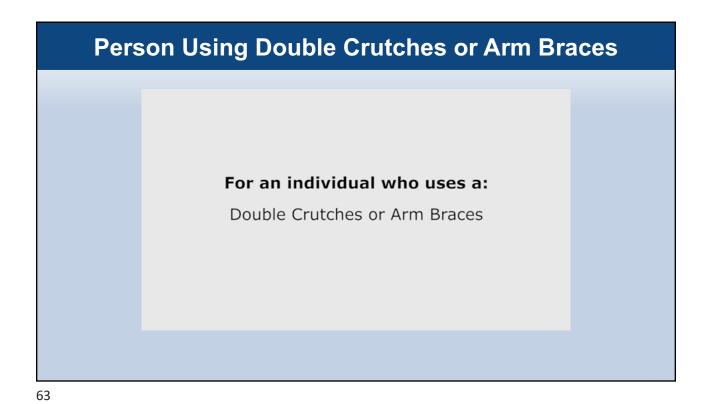
When a Table Is Nearby











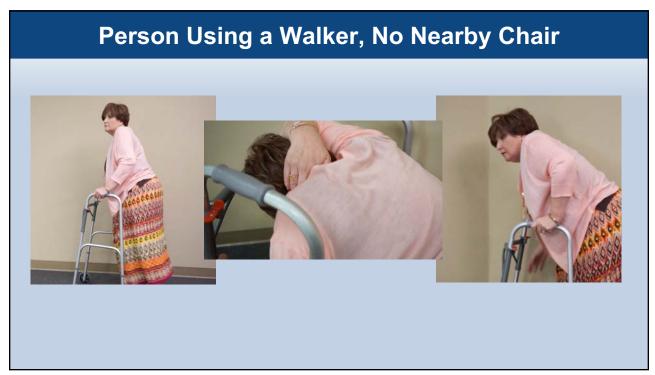
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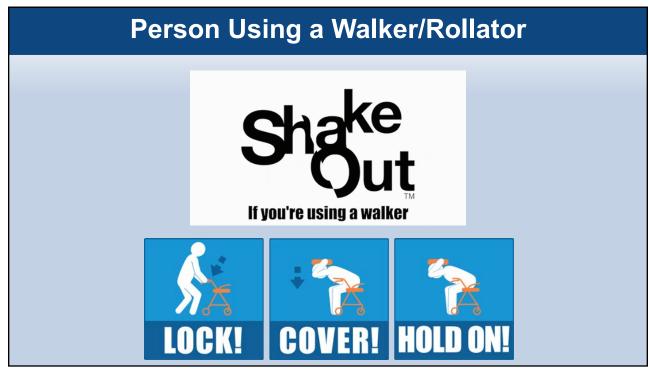






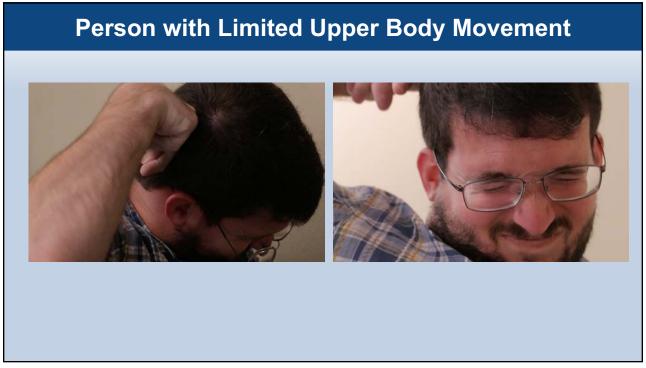












#### For Everyone

- Look around for hazards
- Check body for areas of pain or reduced sensation
- Connect with Personal Support Team



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#### **Remain Connected: Personal Support Team**

#### **AT LEAST 3 PEOPLE**

Who can come to your assistance immediately

#### **Practice:**

- · How to assist you
- · Use of assistive devices
- Evacuating you with your supplies
- Emergency Drills/Exercises



#### **Keep Exits and Pathways Clear**





Secure Furniture, TVs, and other Objects to Prevent Damage, Injury, and Blocked Exits

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#### **Service Animal Considerations**

- · Keep animal close, under table or next to chair
- Service animal may be frightened or injured
- May not be able to work immediately
- Increased risk of injury to paws from broken glass or debris on the ground
- Be prepared to use alternate equipment if your animal cannot provide its normal services.



#### **Seniors and People with Disabilities Resources**

- Earthquake Preparedness Guide for People with Disabilities and Other Access or Functional Needs
- · Adapts messaging from ECA's Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety
- **EarthquakeCountry.org/disability**

Earthquake Preparedness Guide for Seniors, People with Disabilities, and Others with Access and Functional Needs (AFN)



Seniors, People with Disabilities, and others with Access and Functi-have additional needs before, during and after an earthquake.

#### Questions to consider:

#### STEP 1 - SECURE YOUR SPACE

Secure your space by identifying hazards and securing moveable items

Carthquake shaking can move almost anything, even large or heavy Rems. Safe spaces are slaces where heavy or falling objects and breaking glass will not linjure you, such as under fables to dests along inside walls. When you enter a room, look for safe spaces to protect yourself and fentify emergency exists.

- Secure essential equipment such as anygen tanks or other life support devices
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   Hang mitton and pictures with closed hooks
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