

**FIRE SAFETY & EMERGENCY PLANNING** 

## EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS



#### **DURING A PANDEMIC**



## Agenda

Earthquake Hazards

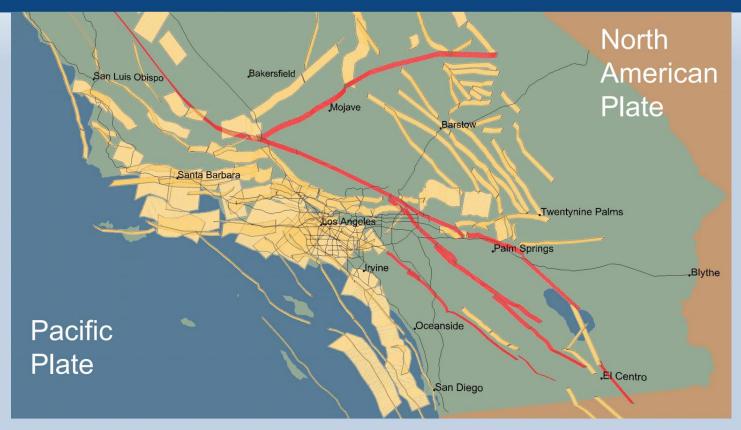
What to do during an earthquake

What to do after an earthquake

What you can do to be prepared at work and **at home** 



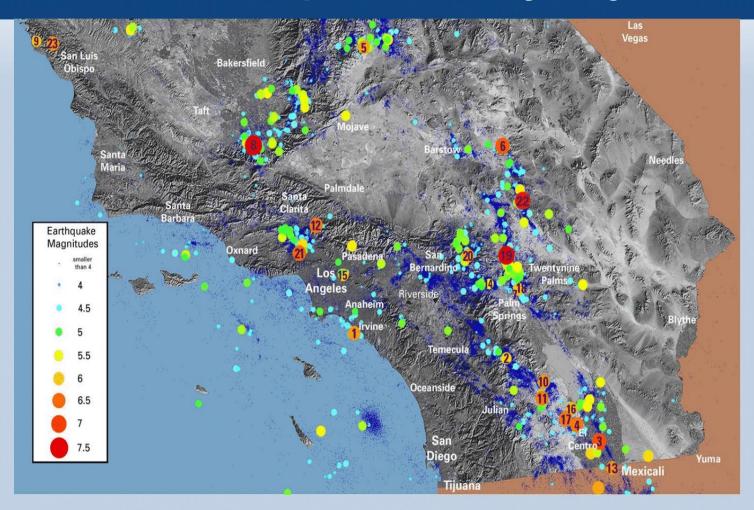
#### So Cal: More than 300 Active Faults



#### Each can have earthquakes larger than magnitude 6



## **30 Earthquakes Every Day**



Most are too small to be felt by people



## San Andreas Fault Scenario- 7.8 Mg

1,600 Fires

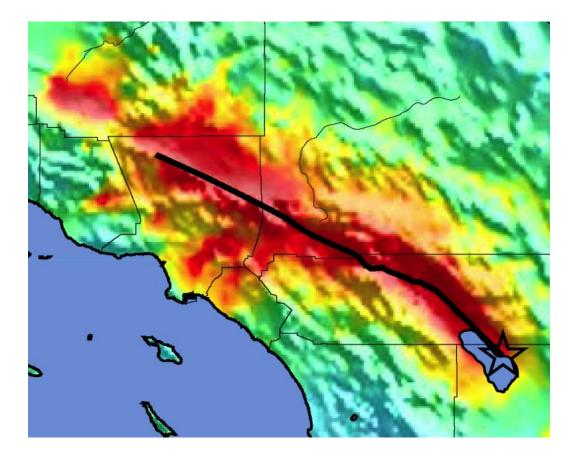
1,800 Fatalities

53,000 Injured

255,000 Homeless

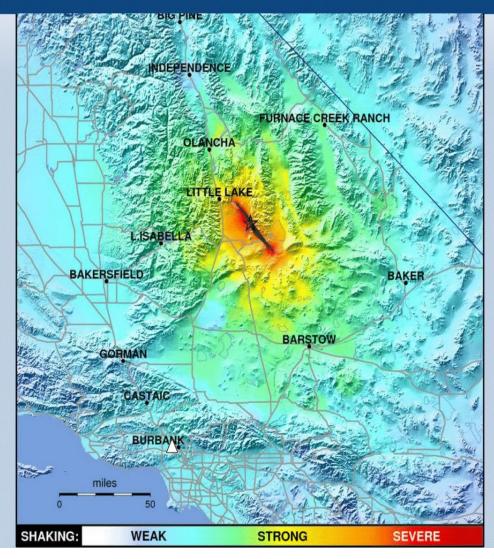
300,000 Damaged Buildings

\$213 Billion





## July 5, 2019 Ridgecrest Magnitude 7.1





Magnitude	Intensity	
1.0 - 3.0	I – Not felt.	
3.0 - 3.9	<ul> <li>II – III: Felt indoors &amp; on upper floors, but most do not recognize it as an earthquake.</li> </ul>	
4.0 - 4.9	IV – V: Felt by nearly everyone, may awaken at night, "stuff "disturbed, walls may make cracking noise.	
5.0 - 5.9	<ul> <li>VI – VII: Felt by all, many frightened. Slight</li> <li>damage in well built buildings, considerable</li> <li>damage in poorly built/designed buildings.</li> <li>Some chimneys may break.</li> </ul>	
6.0 - 6.9	VII – IX: Damage considerable, plumb issues, shifting off foundation, heavy furniture overturned.	
7.0 and higher	VIII or higher: Well built wooden structures destroyed, masonry structures, & bridges destroyed, rails bent.	



## Earthquakes

	1857 Fort Tejon	7.9 Mg
		7.9 Wg
$\triangleright$	1906 San Francisco	7.9 Mg
$\triangleright$	1933 Long Beach	6.4 Mg
$\triangleright$	1971 San Fernando	6.5 Mg
$\triangleright$	1987 Whittier Narrows	5.9 Mg
$\triangleright$	1989 Loma Prieta	6.9 Mg
$\triangleright$	1994 Northridge	6.7 Mg
$\triangleright$	1999 Hector Mine	7.1 Mg
$\triangleright$	2003 San Simeon	6.6 Mg
$\triangleright$	2008 Chino Hills	5.5 Mg
$\triangleright$	2014 Napa	6.0 Mg
	2019 Ridgecrest	7.1 Mg



## **Concurrent Pandemic + EQ**

- Emergency operations already taxed.
- Virtual coordination that has been in place could be disrupted.
- New life saving mission would push the systems to their limits.
- Supply chains would be interruptedworsening the shortage of PPE, food, medical supplies.



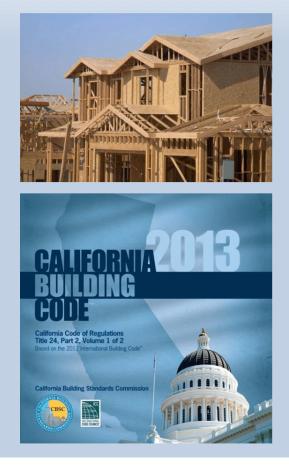
#### Impacts

- Disruption to communications
- Debris & hazards blocking roadways
- Building Damage Need for sheltering outside of homes.
- Anxiety- Heightened already



#### Good News: California Buildings Are (Mostly) Well-Built

- Woodframe homes do very well
- School construction carefully monitored since 1933
- Steadily improving building codes
- Highly trained and licensed engineers
   and contractors





#### Why Drop, Cover, and Hold On?

- Strong consensus for many years, based on data for how people are injured, and experience of Urban Search and Rescue firefighters
- Prevents being thrown to the ground
- Reduces injury from falling or flying items... including structural elements and exterior façades (brick, glass, etc.)
- Increases chance of surviving collapse



Classroom in Calexico, CA April 2010 M7.2



## EarthquakeCountry.org/step5



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

#### In most situations and building types:







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





See EarthquakeCountry.org/step5 for advice for a variety of settings



#### **Know 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, crawl underneath it for shelter
- If no table/desk, crawl against a wall or next to low furniture for sideways protection









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#### **Know 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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#### **Adapt Your Response**

#### **Protect Yourself During Earthquakes!**

POSSIBLE COVERI USING CANE COVER! USING WALKER COVER! HOLD LOCK! USING NHEELCHAIR **COVER!** HOLD ON LOCK! www.EarthquakeCountry.org/disability

- If you can't get back up, don't get down
  - Bend over and cover your head and neck with your arms/hands
- Instruct others how to assist you
- Practice is key
- EarthquakeCountry.org/disability



#### But What If I am In A...





- Theatre or Lecture Hall
- > Supermarket
- Costco or Warehouse



## **After The Shaking Stops**

- Check for injuries in your area. Do not attempt to move seriously injured people unless they are in immediate danger. Call for medical assistance (213.740.4321), and render first aid if required.
- Check the area for safety hazards such as building damage, fires, gas leaks, chemical spills, fire alarms, or floods. If the area or building appears to be unsafe, leave the building, and report critical issues to (213-740-4321).



#### **Preparedness**

# You can't control how the earthquake will *shake* you.

# But you can act now, and control how it will harm you.



#### **Family Plan**



- Evacuation Plan
- Duck, Cover and Hold Drill
- Family Reunion Plan
- > Out-of-State Contacts



#### Water



2- 4 weeks Supply 2 gallon/person/day Rotate every 6 months Be ready to purify Drink, First Aid & Cleaning





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#### Water Storage Options





## Food



- More of the foods you normally eat
- Canned food = no cooking (can opener?)
- Low sodium
- Comfort food



## Medications



- Minimum 2-weeks supply
- Never take "last one"
- Prescription glasses
- Extra PPE
- Extra Disinfecting
   Supplies



## **Supplies**

#### Other Supplies

Flashlight

Transistor radio

Work gloves

**First Aid Supplies** 

Gas shut-off

Wrench

Plastic & duct tape

#### Evacuation Bag

- Change of clothes
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Contact lists
- Critical papers (insurance, medical history, deed, etc.)
- Cash





## **Building Disaster Supply Kits**





Search & Rescue, Lighting, Crowd Control, PPE



#### **Secure Furnishings**

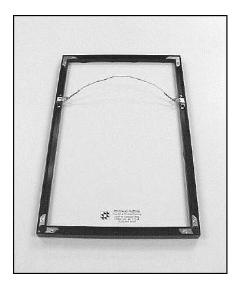






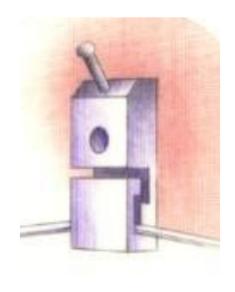


#### **Don't Let Pictures Fall**













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## **Shelves**





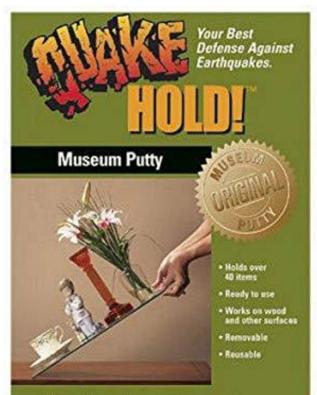






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#### **Knick-Knacks**



The Collector's Choice for securing valuable treasures from earthquakes, kids and other shakers in your home.

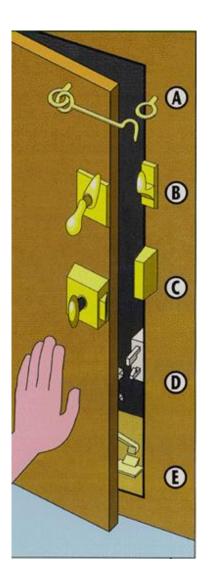






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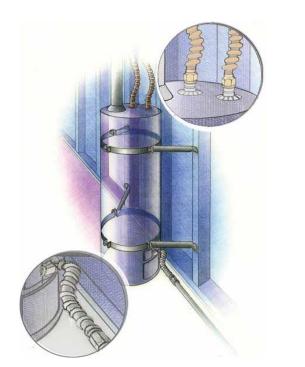
#### Cabinets







## Appliances





Replace rigid gas connections to water heaters and other gas appliances, with flexible stainless-steel gas connectors.





#### Why Prepare?

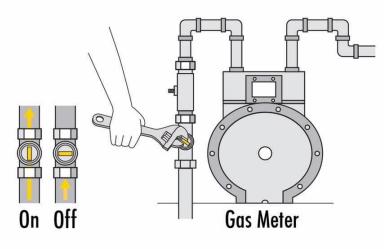


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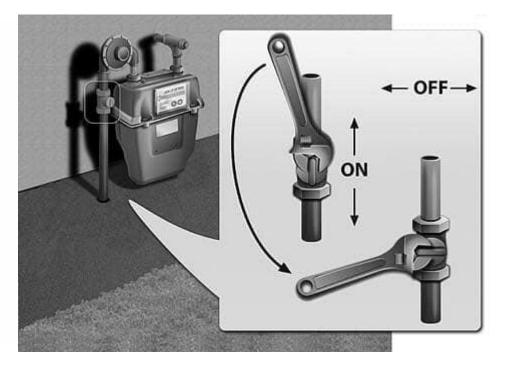


#### **Utilities-Gas**

#### Shutting off Gas in an Emergency



Modified from FEMA B-526





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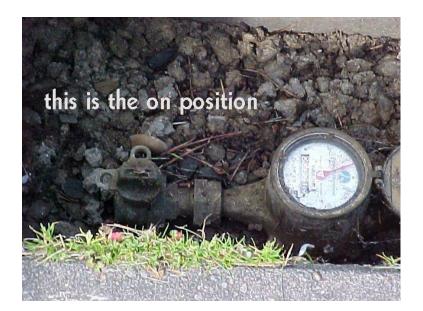
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#### **Utilities-Water**







## **Financial Preparedness**



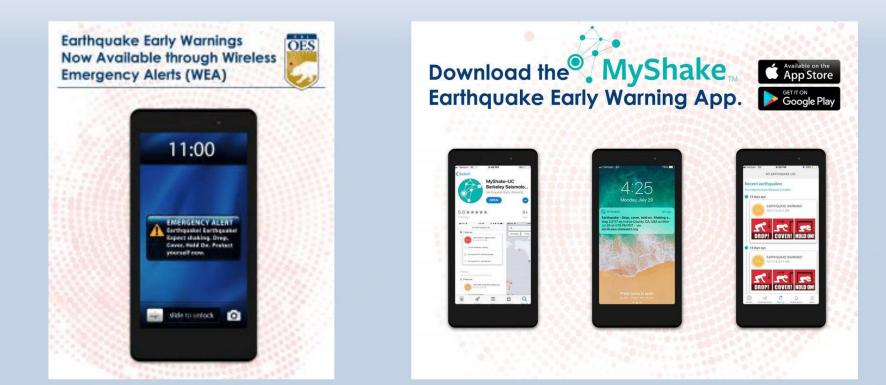
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- Protect valuable papers & documents
- Purchase earthquake insurance -Make sure the house is bolted to the foundation and the chimney reinforced.
- Keep cash (small bills) on hand.



#### **California Earthquake Early Warning**



#### earthquake.ca.gov

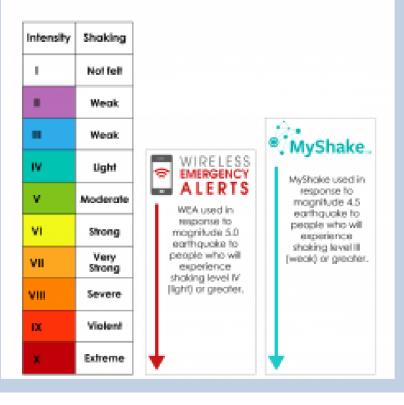


#### **Earthquake Early Warning**

- Wireless Emergency Alerts (similar to Amber Alerts) issued when:
  - Magnitude 5.0 or greater
  - Areas of Intensity IV (Light) shaking
- MyShake App notifies when:
  - Magnitude 4.5 or greater
  - Areas of Intensity III (weak) shaking

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#### Learn First Aid





#### How To Get Involved At USC





Building Emergency Response Teams



Amateur Radio Emergency Response Team







## **More Information**

- USC Earthquake Procedures: <u>https://fsep.usc.edu/usc-emergency-procedures-for/during-an-earthquake/</u>
- USC Emergency Procedures Video: <u>https://usc.edu/emergencyvideos</u>
- Campus Buildings Emergency Information Fact Sheets: <u>https://fsep.usc.edu/emergency-planning/building-emergency-fact-sheets/</u>
- Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety: <u>https://EarthquakeCountry.org/sevensteps</u>