

## Be Prepared: 2026 ShakeOut BC Drill

Join us by participating in the 2026 Great British Columbia [ShakeOut](#) drill, set for October 15 at 10:15 am.

In 2025, more than 860,000 people in BC participated in the Shakeout drill with over 60 million participants worldwide! Make sure you register this year to take part, so you can be one of them. At the same time, we'll be testing our emergency notification system, *Voyent Alert!* If you have not yet registered for *Voyent Alert!*, follow the simple registration steps on their [website](#).

Emergency Management Oceanside encourages everyone to participate in the ShakeOut drill. Visit [shakeoutbc.ca](#) to register and be counted in the drill and to obtain resources and important safety and preparedness information.

You don't need a major drill to make a big difference. Just two minutes spent practicing "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" can significantly boost your safety during an earthquake, whether at home or work. Take the time to review your emergency preparedness plan, check your emergency supplies, and think about how secure your space is to prevent damage and injuries from earthquakes. Small steps today can lead to greater resilience when it counts!

### How to Participate in ShakeOut BC

#### 1. Plan Your Drill:

- Register at [shakeoutbc.ca](#) to be counted, get email updates, and more.
- Download audio and video from the [ShakeOut website](#) to add to the effect of your drill!

#### 2. Drop, Cover, Hold On! At 10:15 am on October 15

- **Drop** to the ground, or **Brace** or **Lock**
- **Take cover** under a sturdy piece of furniture (like a desk or table) and cover your head and neck.
- **Hold on** as if a major earthquake were happening (stay there for at least 60 seconds).
- While taking cover, imagine what would happen in a major earthquake.  
What could fall? What could be damaged? What can you do to make your environment safer?

#### 3. Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- You may need to remain in place for up to two (2) weeks after an earthquake. Any preparations you make in advance will help!
- Do a "hazard hunt" for items that might fall during earthquakes and secure them.
- Create a personal or family [emergency preparedness plan](#).
- Review resources at [Prepared BC](#)

If you have difficulty getting to the ground or can't get back up again without help, [Shakeout.org](https://www.shakeout.org) has shared these suggestions on how to safely navigate an earthquake in any setting.

- **If you use a cane:**

**DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON** or sit on a surface, like a chair or a bed, and cover your head and neck with both hands. Keep your cane near you so it can be used when the shaking stops.

- **If you use a walker or wheelchair:**

**LOCK** your wheels (if applicable). If using a walker, carefully get as low as possible. Bend over and **COVER** your head/neck with your arms, a book, or a pillow. Then **HOLD ON** until the shaking stops.



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