

# October 2015

## Emergency Preparedness Pointers

### ARE YOU READY FOR THE BIG ONE?

The month of October is Earthquake Awareness Month in Idaho. Did you know Idaho is one of the most seismically active states in the country? Ada County lies in close proximity of three faults that could cause significant damage during the event of a magnitude 6 or 7 earthquake. This year we encourage you to register for [The Great Idaho ShakeOut](#) that will take place on October 15th at 10:15 AM. Earthquakes can occur when you are at home, work, school, or during your travels. [The Great Idaho ShakeOut](#) is a great opportunity to practice your own earthquake drill. This event also presents a great time for not only you but, schools, businesses, and other organizations to review and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies. We encourage you to register online to be counted in the state wide drill. [Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#) with us on October 15th at 10:15 AM.



## ShakeOut. Don't FreakOut.

October 15, 2015 Register Now at [www.ShakeOut.org](http://www.ShakeOut.org)



### Earthquakes: A Shaky Business

As a business owner or manager, it is vital to ensure the safety of both your business and employees during and after an earthquake. Conducting a regular earthquake drill presents a great opportunity to look at how prepared your business is for an earthquake or any other type of disaster. Here is a list of actions you can take to better prepare your business or organization for earthquakes:

- ⇒ Check emergency supplies and equipment for accessibility and functionality
- ⇒ Identify safe places for employees to take shelter under during an earthquake
- ⇒ Ask employees to identify items that may fall and cause injury, and secure these items
- ⇒ Encourage employees to be prepared for earthquakes in their homes
- ⇒ Provide employees the opportunity for first aid and response training
- ⇒ Encourage employees to have 72-hour kits in the office

### What To Do When You Are Caught In The Dark

Earthquakes can cause power outages that can last for extended periods of time. When the power returns, power surges can damage electrical equipment. Power outages also create a hazard during personal travels. Follow these steps to protect electrical equipment in your home and office:

- ⇒ Turn off and unplug all unneeded electrical equipment
- ⇒ Turn off any appliances, equipment, or electronics you were using when the power went out
- ⇒ Leave one light on so you will know when power is restored

Visit <https://adacounty.id.gov/accem/How-to-Prepare-Resources/Family> for more information about what to do during a power outage.



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