

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POINTER

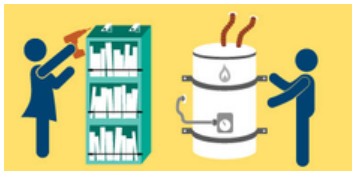
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THE GREAT SHAKEOUT

October is Earthquake Awareness Month in Idaho, which means every home, business, school, and any other organization in Ada County can participate in **The Great Idaho ShakeOut** on **October 20th at 10:20 AM**. Register to participate at shakeout.org/idaho/, and get ready to drop, cover, and hold on!

Why participate in The Great Idaho ShakeOut? The active Squaw Creek, Big Flat, and Jakes Creek fault lines are located around 25 miles north of the City of Boise. Because of this, earthquakes are considered a realistic hazard in Ada County. A magnitude 6 or 7 earthquake from one of these fault lines may impact Ada County significantly (Idaho Geological Survey, 2009). Participating in this state wide drill will help you better prepare for earthquake events. **What else can I do to prepare for earthquakes?** The Earthquake Safety Alliance provides the following [Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety](#) that teach how to prepare, survive, and recover from earthquakes:

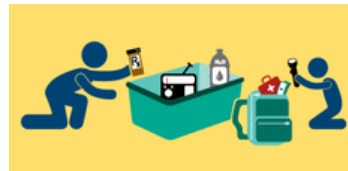
Prepare



Step 1 Secure your space: Identify potential hazards such as large moveable items or appliances and secure them appropriately.



Step 2 Plan to be safe: Create a disaster plan and figure out how you will communicate with your household or those you work with.



Step 3 Organize Disaster Supplies: Assemble disaster supplies in a convenient and accessible location.



Step 4 Minimize financial hardship: Organize important documents and consider ways to mitigate property damage.

Survive



Step 5 Drop, Cover, and Hold On: Do all you can to protect yourself until the shaking stops.



Step 6 Improve Safety: Check your surroundings, evacuate if necessary, and help those around you if possible.

Recover



Step 7 Reconnect and Restore: Reconnect with others, repair any damage, and start rebuilding the community to a new normal.

References

1. Idaho Geological Survey (IGS) (2009). Putting down roots in earthquake country. retrieved from: [Link to site](#)
2. Earthquake Country Alliance (ECA) (2021) Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety. retrieved from: [Link to site](#)