



ShakeOut Drill set for Oct. 21 at 10:21AM

PORT HADLOCK— The 2021 ShakeOut Drill is scheduled for October 21 at 10:21AM. However, you can hold your drill when and where you want and include multiple locations such as home, work and even by video conferencing with family and friends. **NOTE:** The All Hazard sirens will go off at 10:21AM on Oct. 21.

It is important to drill the **DROP, COVER** and **HOLD ON** procedure for the simple reason that practice makes perfect.

When you first feel the shaking from an earthquake, **DROP** to the floor and **COVER** your neck and head with one arm. Get under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture and **HOLD ON** until the shaking stops. **DO NOT** run outside. Breaking glass, bricks and other falling objects such as trees and power lines can cause extreme danger to you.

Stay inside and away from windows, outside doors or walls and anything that could fall such as light fixtures or heavy objects, shelves or artwork.

If you are outdoors, move away from buildings, streetlights, utility wires and trees. Once in an open area, stay there. The greatest danger exists directly outside buildings at exists and next to exterior walls.

If you are in a moving vehicle, stop as quickly and safely as possible and stay in the vehicle. Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses and utility wires.

A part of your ShakeOut Drill activity should involve a walk through your home or office to survey each room for objects that could easily fall and cause injury to you or your family. For example, if you have some framed artwork on the wall over the head of your bed, consider replacing it with the quilt your Grandma made or something much smaller and lighter in weight.

Secure bookshelves to the wall and try not to have heavy objects on the highest shelves where they could fall on you during an earthquake.

You will be more likely to react quickly when shaking begins if you have actually practiced protecting yourself on a regular basis. For more information go to <https://www.shakeout.org/washington/whyparticipate/>

Another good source for preparedness tips and information can be found in the Emergency Management's *Think, Plan, Do* guide available at bit.ly/thinkplando.

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