



# City of Malibu News

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## **Join City of Malibu for the Great ShakeOut “Drop Cover & Hold On” Earthquake Drill**

(Malibu, CA) – The City of Malibu will join millions of people in Southern California and around the world to “Drop, Cover and Hold On” for the Great ShakeOut, the world’s largest simultaneous earthquake preparedness drill, on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 10:19 AM at City Hall. The public is encouraged to join the exercise in person at City Hall, or conduct the drill on their own.

The goal of the Great ShakeOut is to get people prepared for major earthquakes by training on the safest way to respond before, during and after an earthquake.

“We live in paradise here in Malibu, but it is also earthquake country,” said Mayor Skylar Peak. “Earthquakes are a very real threat, and it’s not a question of if, but when the ‘big one’ will strike. It’s the responsibility of the community and the City to do everything we can to be prepared. I hope everyone in Malibu will join us for the Great ShakeOut.”

To encourage all Malibu residents, businesses, schools and community-based organizations to join the ShakeOut drill and get prepared for earthquakes, the City Council proclaimed October 19, 2017 Earthquake Preparedness Day in Malibu during the October 9 City Council meeting. There are already 3.2 million people registered to participate across Los Angeles County, 9.1 million statewide, and 36.6 million people in the United States and across the globe.

Great ShakeOut Earthquake drills are organized by state, regional, federal, and educational organizations locally, in coordination with the Southern California Earthquake Center at the University of Southern California, with support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and the National Science Foundation.

### **How to Participate with the City of Malibu: Come to City Hall on October 19 to Drop Cover and Hold On**

Starting at 9:30 AM, the City of Malibu’s Public Safety Manager Susan Dueñas will explain the ShakeOut drill and offer participants information on what to do during an earthquake and how to get prepared. At 10:19 AM, Malibu City staff and visitors will Drop Cover and Hold On for one minute at City Hall. The public is encouraged to participate.

In addition, the Malibu CERT Team will have information and sign-ups available, and the Malibu Chamber of Commerce will have emergency kits for sale and emergency preparedness information geared towards local businesses. SOS Survival Products will have earthquake preparedness supplies for sale.

This is a great opportunity to teach kids about earthquake preparedness and get a head start on creating family emergency preparedness plans.

**How to Participate on Your Own: “Drop Cover and Hold On” October 19**

Individuals or groups such as houses of worship, companies or schools, can conduct the exercise on their own. Just Drop Cover and Hold On for one minute at 10:19 AM on October 19. The [www.ShakeOut.org](http://www.ShakeOut.org) site has extensive earthquake preparedness information and resources available, compiled by the Southern California Earthquake Center at the University of Southern California. According to experts at the Southern California Earthquake Center, “Drop Cover and Hold On” is the safest immediate response to an earthquake:

**DROP** where you are, onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and also allows you to stay low and crawl to shelter if nearby.

**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 shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall (away from windows)
- Stay on your knees; bend over to protect vital organs

**HOLD ON** until shaking stops

- Under shelter: hold on to it with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts
- No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands

To register for the Great ShakeOut and to find earthquake preparedness information, visit [www.ShakeOut.org](http://www.ShakeOut.org). For more information, call Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager, at (310) 456-2489 ext. 313 or email [SDuenas@malibucity.org](mailto:SDuenas@malibucity.org).

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