



Learn How to Prepare for an Earthquake

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VICTORIA, BC — Since January, the planet has been rocked by major earthquakes in Haiti, Japan, Chile and China. These events should serve as a reminder that an earthquake can happen at any time. Victoria is located in a seismically active zone and is due for a major earthquake. Residents need to be prepared for at least three days with no assistance.

The most important thing you can do during an earthquake is Drop, Cover, and Hold.

There is plenty you can do to prepare for an earthquake, including having an emergency and first aid kit, and a plan for reconnecting with your loved ones. Attend an upcoming workshop to learn how you and your family can better prepare, including how to safely store drinking water, put together emergency supply kits, and prepare a family reunification plan.

The next Emergency Preparedness Workshop is Thursday, April 29, 2010 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Fairfield Community Place in the Garry Oak Room, 1135 Thurlow Road. To register for this free workshop, call 250.920.3373 or e-mail vema@victoria.ca

For more information on emergency preparedness and a list of future workshop dates and locations, visit: PrepareVictoria.ca

The Victoria Emergency Management Agency (VEMA) is Victoria's resource for helping our community prepare for an emergency. Responsible for coordinating an emergency response in the event of a disaster, VEMA also educates and empowers Victoria citizens on how to be "emergency prepared."

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Please consider this announcement for your community calendar or events listings.

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