



Get Ready to *ShakeOut* Tomorrow at 10:19am!

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VICTORIA, BC – Are you ready to *ShakeOut* tomorrow morning? On Thursday, October 19 at 10:19 a.m., millions of people worldwide will practise how to “Drop, Cover and Hold On” for two minutes during Great ShakeOut earthquake drills. There’s still time to sign up online to participate in the *2017 Great British Columbia ShakeOut* at ShakeOutBC.ca.

ShakeOut is an opportunity to practise how to protect yourself during an earthquake and increase your emergency preparedness.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:

The City of Victoria is proud to be participating in the eighth annual *ShakeOut*. City staff will instruct visitors at City Hall to “Drop, Cover, and Hold On.” City Council will participate during the Committee of the Whole meeting in Council Chambers. City Hall will not be evacuated.

WHAT: *ShakeOutBC* earthquake drill
WHEN: Thursday, October 19 at 10:19 a.m.
WHERE: Victoria City Hall, Council Chambers

Emergency Program Coordinator Tanya Patterson will be available for interviews. Victoria Ready will have a display set up in the City Hall foyer to share emergency preparedness information. The community is invited to stop by City Hall tomorrow from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to enter a draw to win an emergency kit.

Victoria has a one-in-three probability of a damaging earthquake in the next 50 years. It's not a matter of “if” a damaging earthquake will happen, but “when”.

“Drop, Cover, and Hold On” means:

- **DROP** to the floor (before the earthquake drops you)
- Take **COVER** under a desk or sturdy piece of furniture and protect your head and torso, and
- **HOLD ON** to the piece of furniture until the shaking stops.

Timed with *ShakeOut*, the City will test its website emergency notification tomorrow from 10:19 a.m. – 4 p.m. at victoria.ca. The notification system will be used to provide important information and updates to the public in the event of a major emergency.

Victoria Ready offers free emergency preparedness workshops to the community. The next workshop will take place on Wednesday, October 25 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at City Hall. For more information, visit: VictoriaReady.ca.

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