



## Get Ready to *ShakeOut*

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VICTORIA, BC – Are you ready to *ShakeOut* tomorrow morning? On Thursday, October 17 at 10:17 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 for individuals and organizations to sign up online to participate in the 2019 *Great British Columbia ShakeOut* at [ShakeOutBC.ca](http://ShakeOutBC.ca).

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

### PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:

City staff will instruct visitors at City Hall to “Drop, Cover, and Hold On.” City Council will participate in the drill during the Committee of the Whole meeting in Council Chambers. City Hall will not be evacuated.

WHAT: *ShakeOutBC* earthquake drill  
WHEN: Thursday, October 17 at 10:17 a.m.  
WHERE: Victoria City Hall, Council Chambers

Emergency Program Coordinator Tanya Patterson will be available for interviews.

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 system tomorrow from 10:17 a.m. – 4 p.m. at [victoria.ca](http://victoria.ca). In the event of a major emergency the City’s website will be used to provide important information and updates to the public.

Learn more about what it means to be emergency prepared at [VictoriaReady.ca](http://VictoriaReady.ca). Victoria Ready offers free emergency preparedness workshops to the community. The next workshop will take place on Tuesday, October 22 from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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