



Village of Tahsis

Are you ready for the Great British Columbia ShakeOut?

Be part of the largest Canadian earthquake drill on **October 19th 2017 at 10:19 a.m.**

At 10:19 a.m. on October 19th, 2017, British Columbians will "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" in The Great British Columbia ShakeOut, the largest earthquake drill in Canadian history! British Columbia is located in a seismically active region where a few thousand earthquakes occur each year in and adjacent to the province. The threat of a major earthquake is real and all British Columbians must know how to be prepared. Emergency management experts and other official preparedness organizations agree that "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" is the appropriate action to reduce injury and death during earthquakes. The ShakeOut BC Drill provides an opportunity to practice how to protect ourselves and for everyone to become prepared.

RIGHT NOW, DROP, COVER, AND HOLD ON

DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you)

Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy piece of furniture, and

HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops. Now count to 60 to allow objects near you time to stop.

THERE WILL BE A TEST OF THE EVACUATION SIREN AT 10:19 A.M.

NOTE: DO NOT EVACUATE -

THIS IS ONLY A TEST OF THE SIREN!

You will hear a long series of siren blasts in 3 second intervals. In an emergency situation, this would be the signal to evacuate immediately. Next, you will hear a continuous long siren blast. In an emergency situation, this would be the "*All Clear*" signal for you to return to your homes.

There may be repeats of siren blasts, depending on the success of the test.

In a real emergency situation, time permitting, volunteers and first responders would distribute detailed evacuation procedures door to door. The siren would be your final signal to evacuate.

Consider the following questions:

Are you prepared??

Do you have an emergency kit stocked with enough food, water and supplies for everyone in your home?

Have you secured your belongings so they will not fall and injure you during a strong earthquake?

Do you have a plan to reunite with family if the phones are interrupted?

If you wish to find out further information about the Great British Columbia Shakeout or to register as a participant, you can go to their website: www.ShakeOutBC. This site also has audio and video recordings to simulate an earthquake. In an emergency situation, you can also go to www.facebook.com - Village of Tahsis Emergency Information page. Thank you for taking part in the Great British Columbia ShakeOut!

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