



BE PREPARED FOR AN EARTHQUAKE

All U.S. states are at some risk for earthquakes.

Earthquakes are a sudden slipping or movement of the Earth's crust or plates that are caused by a release of stress.



Can collapse buildings



Can damage utilities, structures, and roads



Can cause fires and explosions

IF AN EARTHQUAKE HAPPENS, PROTECT YOURSELF RIGHT AWAY

If you are indoors:

1. Try to remain calm.
2. **“DUCK, COVER and HOLD!”** If you are not near a strong desk or table, drop to the floor and cover your head and neck with your arms.
3. Watch for falling objects such as light fixtures, bookcases, cabinets, shelves and other furniture that might slide or topple.
4. Avoid windows, heavy objects, or things hanging from the walls.
5. **Do NOT** try to exit the building during the earthquake. Many fatalities occur when people try to exit the building, and are hit by falling debris.
6. **Do NOT** use elevators.
7. If you use a wheelchair, lock the wheels and cover your head.
8. Be prepared for aftershocks.
9. Report locations of injured people to CWRU Public Safety at 216.368.3333 or 911.

If you are outdoors:

1. Try to remain calm.
2. Stay away from buildings: falling debris can catch a wind gust and travel great distances.
3. Avoid power lines, trees, and other objects that have the ability to fall or do damage.
4. Move to a clear area if you can safely walk.