

PARISH COUNCIL ST CATHERINE

DISASTER SERVICES



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BE PREPARED.



Steps in Planning an Earthquake Drill

1. Alarm

During the alarm stage a loud warning device such as a bell or a buzzer alerts those involved in the drill. This must be a pre-arranged signal known by everyone, so that all will respond.

NB. The telephone intercom will be used in this office to alarm persons.

2. Response

During the response phase everyone heads for cover. Persons get under a heavy desk, table, chair, bed or under a door jamb. Make sure you move away from windows, glass or light fixtures. If there is no cover available, crouch and try to protect your head.

3. Evacuation

After remaining in your respective safe places until the shaking had stopped, you should then evacuate the building. The evacuation

proceeds through the pre-determined safe routes, gather outside in a safe area away from buildings, fences, walls, electricity poles, bridges and trees.

4. Assembly

At the assembly point, the evacuees are grouped in order of depths or floors whichever is more convenient to facilitate the next step (roll call).

5. Roll Call

During the Roll Call, designated persons before hand determine if everyone is present.

In the event of a real earthquake a search and rescue team would have to be dispatched to search for those missing.

6. Evaluation

After the Roll Call there should be an evaluation where the institution

identifies snags in the drill, problem areas or potential problem areas.

Remember that only by practicing will the occupants of a building be reasonably sure that in the event of a serious earthquake they will be able to respond appropriately.

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