



# EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS



## WHAT TO DO: BEFORE

- Sign up to receive emergency messages through **SMC Alert**.
- Prepare an **Emergency Kit** for your home. Check and update your kit once a year.
- Prepare a **Go Bag**. One for each person in your home. Don't forget your pets.
- **Secure furniture, water heater, and large electronics** that could fall over during an earthquake.



Sign up for **SMC Alert**

[www.SMCAlert.info](http://www.SMCAlert.info)

## WHAT TO DO: DURING

If you are . . .

**Inside:** stay there. Drop to your hands and knees. Cover your head and neck. Hold on until the shaking stops.



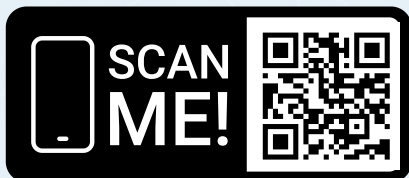
**In a car:** pull over safely to an open space. Wait in the car if safe to do so, and listen to emergency reports on the radio. If you must leave your car, make sure it is not blocking the roadway and emergency vehicles.

## WHAT TO DO: AFTER

- Expect aftershocks and be ready to take cover again.
- Check for injuries and provide first aid if needed.
- Look for and extinguish small fires.
- Stay away from damaged buildings.
- Text, do not call - to keep phone lines clear for emergencies.
- Have your emergency Go Bag handy.
- Shut off your gas if you smell gas or hear/see leaks.
- Stay away from, and report any, hanging wires.
- Monitor local news and San Mateo County social media for updates.



Earthquake Early Warning App: My Shake



Know Your Zone!  
Download Genasys Protect App



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# TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS



## WHAT TO DO: *BEFORE*

- **Learn signs** of a potential tsunami such as an earthquake, loud ocean roar, or sudden rise or fall (pull back) of ocean water.
- **Pack a “Go Bag”** - one per family member.
- Know and practice your **evacuation routes** and communication plans.
- **Familiarize** yourself with Tsunami Hazard Zones & evacuation routes displayed in your community.
- **Find tsunami evacuation signs** posted near the coast.
- Download important emergency apps and **sign up for emergency alerts.**

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### WARNING Message Example:

Dangerous coastal flooding and powerful currents possible. Move to high ground or inland. Take your Go Bag and walk or drive **inland** or take stairs to higher floors.

Look up if you are in a **Tsunami Hazard Zone:**

[Tsunami Hazard Map - San Mateo County](#)



## WHAT TO DO: *DURING*

If there is an earthquake:

**Drop. Cover. Hold On** until the shaking stops.



When shaking stops, if there are signs, official warnings, or tsunami sirens, move immediately as high and as far inland as possible.

Tsunami evacuation routes are marked by a sign with a wave and an arrow in the direction of higher ground. If you are on a boat, head out to sea and if you are in a harbor, go inland. Always leave immediately if there are signs of possible tsunami!

## WHAT TO DO: *AFTER*

- **Stay away from the water until authorities say it is safe.**
- Text, do not call, to keep phone lines clear for emergencies.
- Have your Go Bag handy.
- Monitor local news and San Mateo County social media for updates and shelter locations.
- Often, a tsunami is more than one wave. Stay at higher level - away from the water - until the “all clear” is given by officials.

Look up if you  
are in a:  
**Tsunami  
Hazard Zone**

