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## **El Camino College to Stage Campuswide Earthquake Drill As Participants in Great California ShakeOut**

All students, faculty and staff at El Camino College will be among the millions of participants in this year's Great California ShakeOut. This statewide earthquake drill, spanning all 58 California counties, is planned for Thursday, October 16. When the alert sounds at 10:16 a.m. on that day, everyone will be directed to:

- DROP to the ground
- Take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table
- HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops.

When given notice, an evacuation will begin in an orderly manner to each building's designated assembly area. A building captain will give directions.

Everyone should stay in the designated area until given notice by the building captain to return to the building. Experts advise the importance of immediately seeking protection as best as possible in the event of an earthquake. Earthquakes occur without warning and may be so violent that running or crawling is impossible. Those in outside areas are advised to get into the open – away from buildings, power lines and trees.

This ShakeOut drill is a great opportunity to practice safety procedures in case of an earthquake.

Last year, millions of Californians participated in this large-scale earthquake preparedness drill, and even more participants are expected this year. This year, more than 25 million people worldwide will join in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills, spanning 43 U.S. states and territories and several countries.

General information about this event is available at [www.shakeout.org/](http://www.shakeout.org/).

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