



El Camino Community College District
CAMPUS WIDE VIRTUAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL
Thursday, October 20, 2022 – 10:20 a.m.

Instructions for Staff – Faculty - Students

At 10:20 a.m., you will hear alert sounds from the Police vehicles throughout campus and receive information on your telephone. This sound simulates the beginning of a major earthquake. Do the following:

1. STAY CALM AND DUCK, COVER, AND HOLD ON UNTIL FUTURE NOTICE. Take refuge under a sturdy object.
2. After approximately one minute, the earthquake simulation will end and you are to SHELTER IN PLACE and stay where you are until you receive further notification.
3. Do Not Evacuate Your Area for the purpose of this **Virtual Drill**. SHELTER IN PLACE.
4. Should you experience an actual emergency during the virtual drill, **please dial 9-1-1 or press the Emergency Call 911 button on your office phone**. State clearly, ‘this is not a drill, I have a real emergency’.
5. Please go to the links that were sent to you concerning the YouTube Earthquake Videos.

End of Drill – Thank you for your participation in this important exercise. By participating, you will help us to get ready for **big earthquakes** and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.

What to do!



If you are indoors, duck or drop down to the floor.

- **DROP** to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!),
- Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and
- **HOLD ON** to it until the shaking stops.

If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building. Do not try to run to another room just to get under a table.

The main point is to not try to move but to **immediately** protect yourself as best as possible where you are. Earthquakes occur without any warning and may be so violent that you cannot run or crawl; you therefore will most likely be knocked to the ground where you happen to be. You will never know if the initial jolt will turn out to be the start of the big one. Drop, Cover, and Hold On before you know.

If you are outside, get into the open, away from buildings, power lines and trees.

What NOT to do!

DO NOT get in a doorway! An early earthquake image of California is a collapsed adobe home with the door frame as the only standing part. From this came our belief that a doorway is the safest place to be during an earthquake. In modern houses and buildings, doorways are no safer, and they do not protect you from flying or falling objects. Get under a table instead!

DO NOT run outside! Trying to run in an earthquake is dangerous, as the ground is moving and you can easily fall or be injured by debris or glass. Running outside is especially dangerous, as glass, bricks, or other building components may be falling. You are much safer to stay inside and get under a table.

“If you don't know how to act in an emergency....find out now!”

