The Great California ShakeOut:

How to Drop, Cover and Hold On (or other recommended actions) in a Major Rossmoor Earthquake

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Southern California Earthquake Center (SCEC.org)

Federally-funded (NSF/USGS/DOE/FEMA/NASA) geoscience research center based at the **Univ. of Southern California** involving 1000+ scientists and students at more than 90 institutions worldwide

SCEC's Communication, Education, and Outreach Program manages:

- Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills (ShakeOut.org) (15th Anniversary)
- Earthquake Country Alliance (20th Anniversary)
 (EarthquakeCountry.org; California statewide public-private-grassroots partnership)
- TsunamiZone.org (regional tsunami exercises)
- Geoscience Internships & career development programs

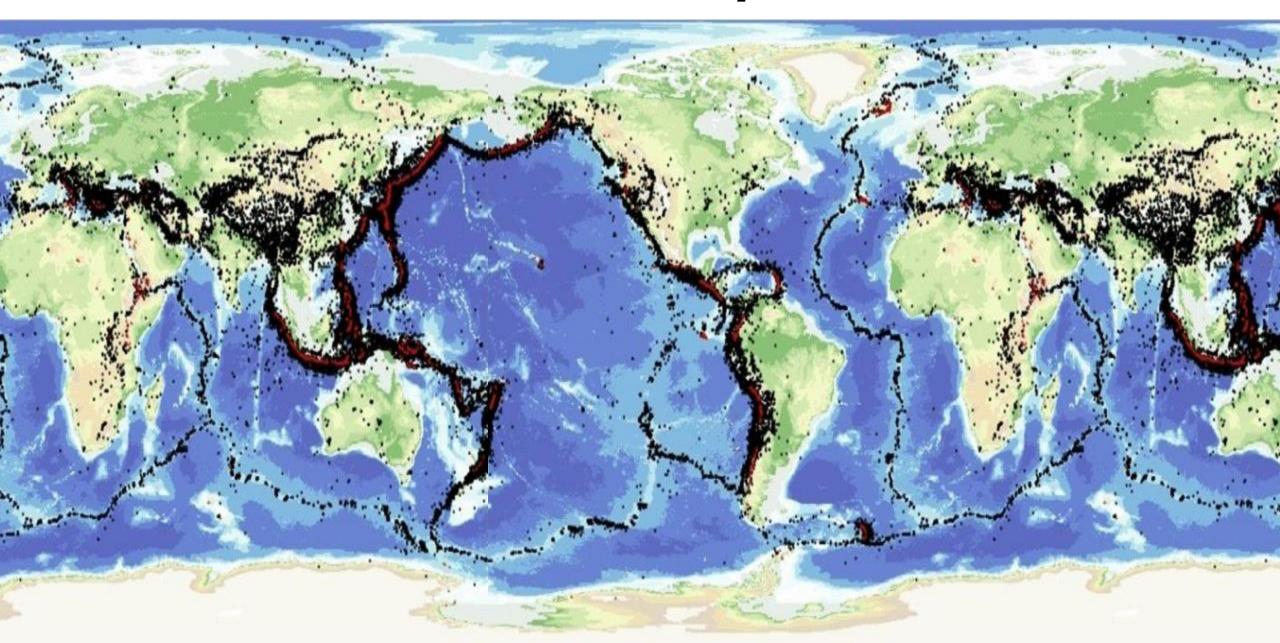




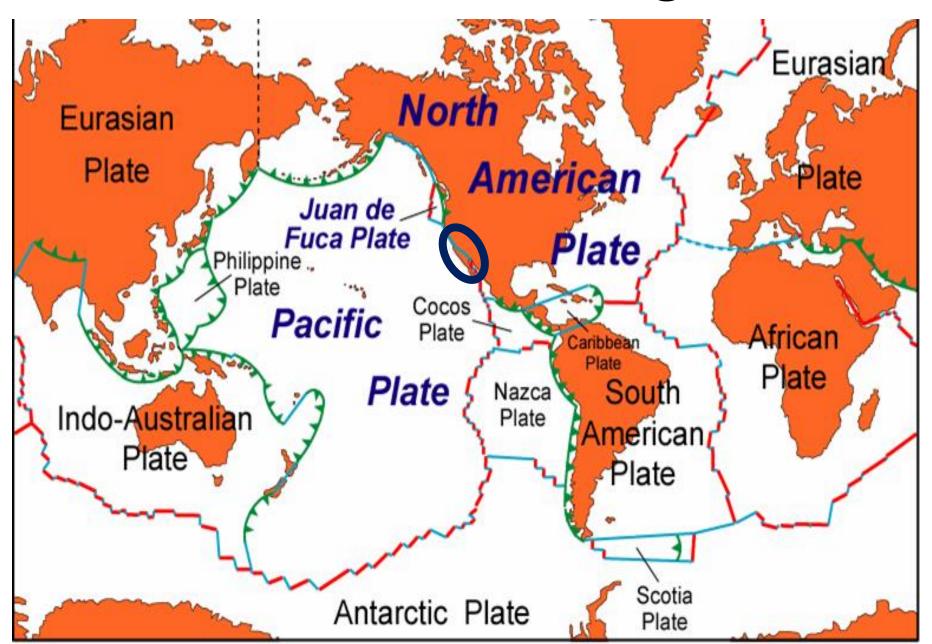




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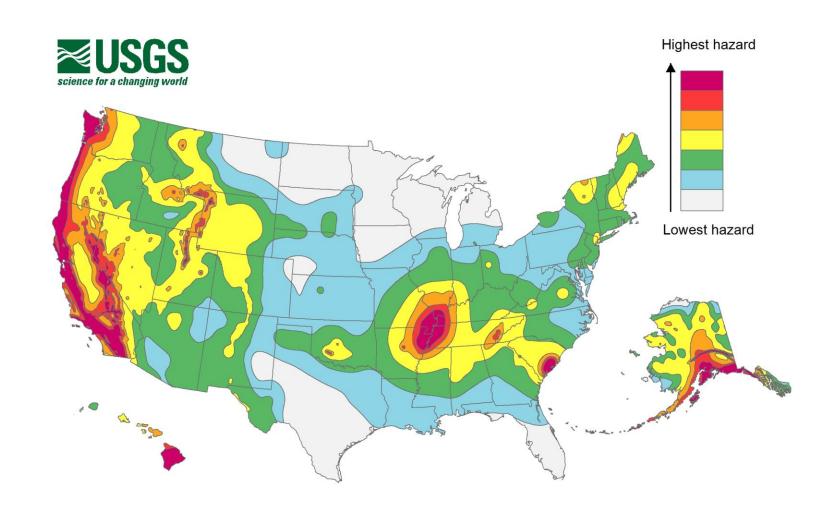


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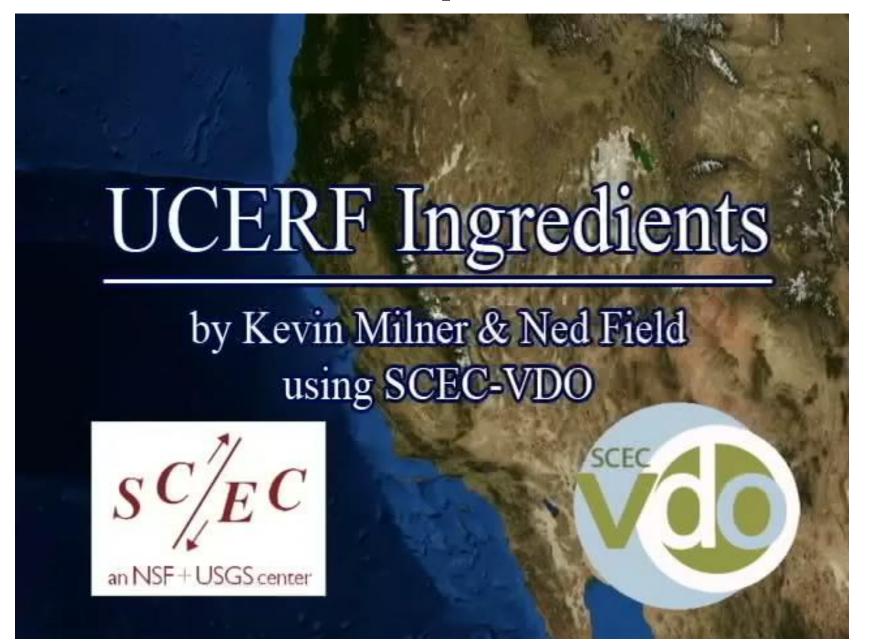


National Seismic Hazard Maps



usgs.gov/programs/earthquake-hazards/hazards

Science of Earthquake Forecasts

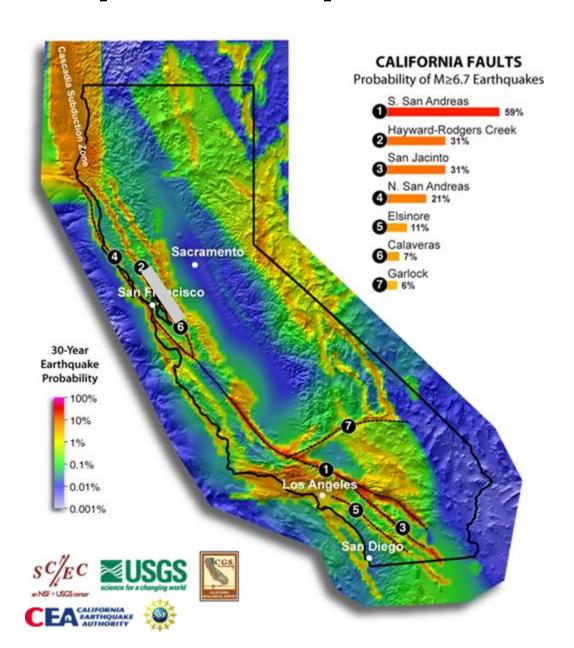


Improved Understanding of Major Faults



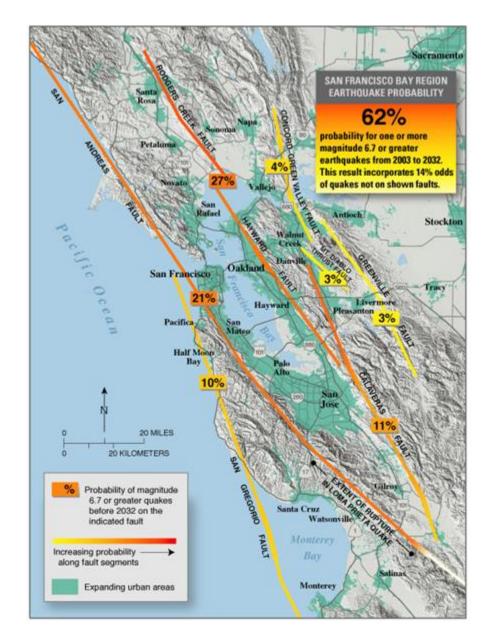
Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast

scec.org/ucerf



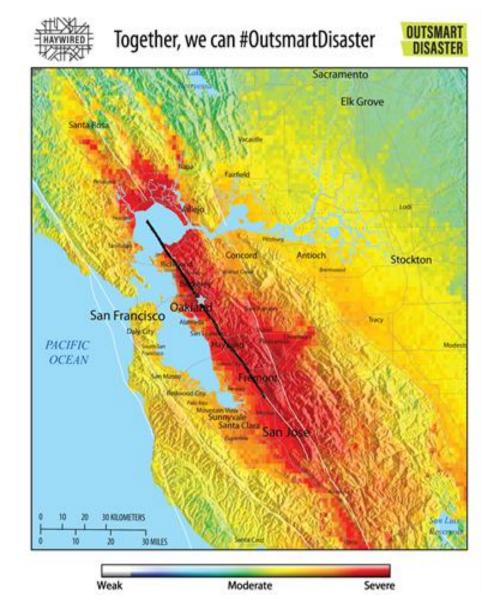
Bay Area Major Faults

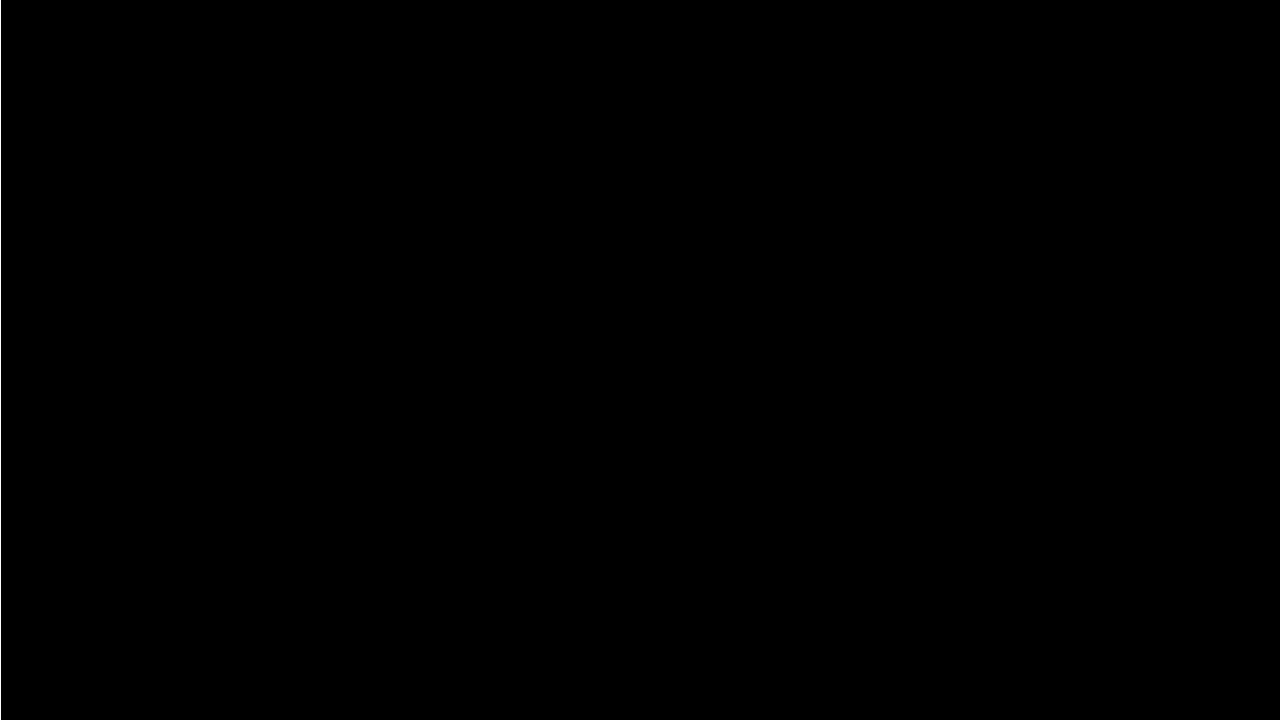
- Several faults capable of magnitude 7 or larger earthquakes
- Many smaller faults can also cause damaging shaking
- 21% chance of an earthquake larger than M6.7 on the San Andreas within 30 years
- 27% chance of >M6.7 on Hayward fault in same timeframe



USGS HayWired Scenario

- Comprehensive assessment of what would happen if Magnitude 7 earthquake on Hayward fault
- Emphasizes impacts from modern society's lifeline interdependencies and reliance on the Internet
- Last similar earthquake was in 1868, when there were far fewer buildings, infrastructure, and people
- Search for "USGS HayWired" to read the scenario and related information





HayWired Scenario Exercise Toolkit

- Includes **highlights** of the three-volume Hayward Scenario Report.
- Provides guidance for selecting an exercise idea, developing and facilitating a discussion-based exercise based on that idea, and implementing lessons learned.
- Links to data in the HayWired Scenario for use in exercises, however the Toolkit can also be used as a structure for exercises based on other scenarios.
- The Toolkit identifies 30 Themes addressed in the scenario, spanning 45 ideas for exercises, grouped within each phase of emergency management.
- 17 *Facilitator Tools* have been created based on selected ideas (each with discussion guides & imagery slidesets)
- EarthquakeCountry.org/haywired



Why Prepare?



Utilities may not work

Why Prepare?



Roads may be impassible



Transportation may be unavailable

Why Prepare?





Grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, etc. may be closed

Getting accurate information will be difficult

More Can and Must Be Done...

...at every level

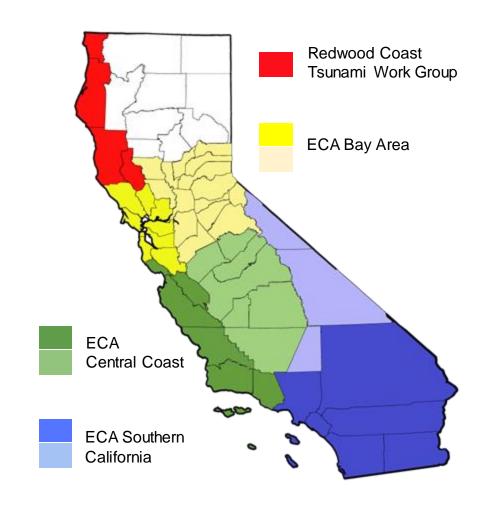
• ...before, during, and after

...by each and all of us



Earthquake Country Alliance

- 4000+ Public-Private-Grassroots leaders
- Statewide *committees* develop resources and deliver programs
- Regional Alliances organize meetings and outreach activities
- California's Office of Emergency Services provides NEHRP funding for ECA earthquake mitigation activities
- USC's Southern California Earthquake Center (SCEC.org) administers ECA















National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP)

- Cal OES applies to FEMA for NEHRP funding, which is then subawarded to USC for SCEC to administer ECA's earthquake education, outreach, and mitigation activities.
- NEHRP is a partnership of four federal agencies that provide resources to mitigate and reduce losses caused by earthquakes in the U.S., including support for:
 - Research on the causes and effects of earthquakes
 - Building design recommendations to reduce earthquake damage and disruption
 - Activities that advocate earthquake risk reduction awareness and practices
- ECA also receives funding from NSF and USGS via their support of SCEC.









ECA Statewide Activities

Develop Messaging and Resources:

EarthquakeCountry.org/resources
Terremotos.org

Support Tsunami Preparedness Week: TsunamiZone.org/california

Created and Coordinate
The Great California ShakeOut:

ShakeOut.org/california

Webinars & other events **EarthquakeCountry.org/calendar**









March 27-31, 2023





Oct. 19 in 2023

ECA Sector-Based Outreach Committees

- Public Sector
- Businesses
- Accessibility
- Non-Profit & Faith-Based Organizations

- Healthcare
- Higher Education
- PreK-12 Education

EarthquakeCountry.org/committees

ECA Outreach Bureaus (Regional & Statewide)

Events Bureau

- Speakers for online/in-person events
- Booths and tables at events
- Request presenter or information table:

EarthquakeCountry.org/events

Media Bureau

- Statewide and local coordination
- Media event planning
- Year-round messaging / news releases
- Post-earthquake shared messaging

Participation Bureau

- ShakeOut and Tsunami Week recruitment and communications
- County/City Partners for local engagement











Seven Steps To Earthquake Safety

BEFORE





3. Organize Supplies













5. Drop, Cover, and Hold On

6. Improve Safety









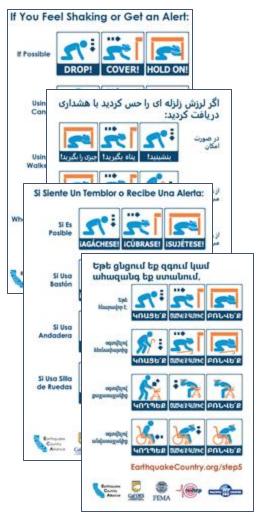


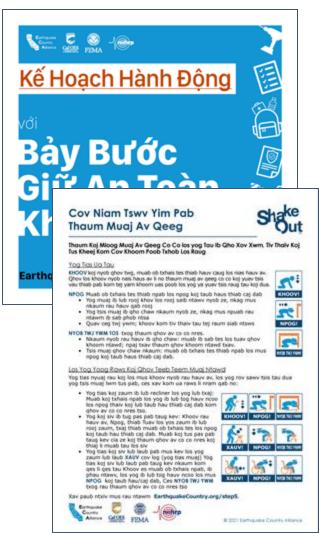


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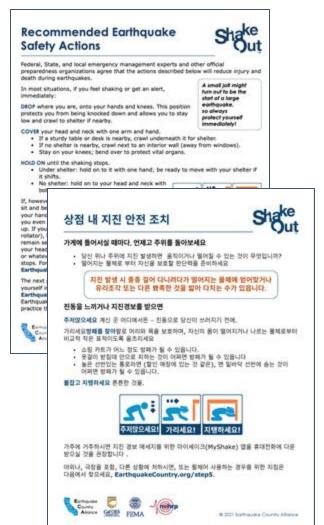
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Safety Guidance in 16 Languages









EarthquakeCountry.org/languages

Step 1: Secure Your Space

BEFORE

- Identify hazards
- Secure moveable items
- Reduce Injuries and damage



EarthquakeCountry.org/step1

Top-Heavy Furniture









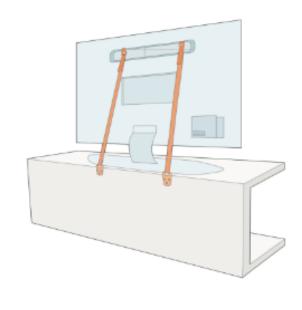


Use flexible nylon straps (buckles or velcro)

TVs and Electronics

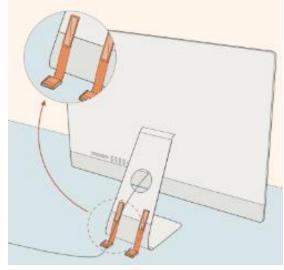








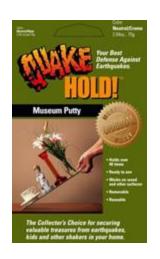


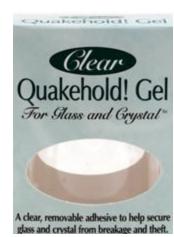


Smaller Items

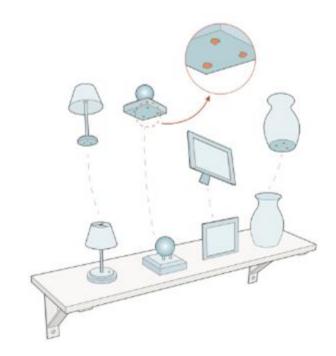


- Earthquake Putty
- Microcrystalline
 Museum Wax





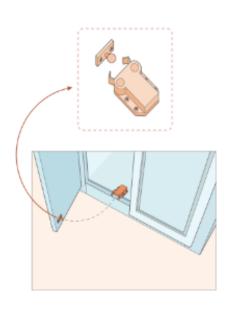






Kitchen Cabinets



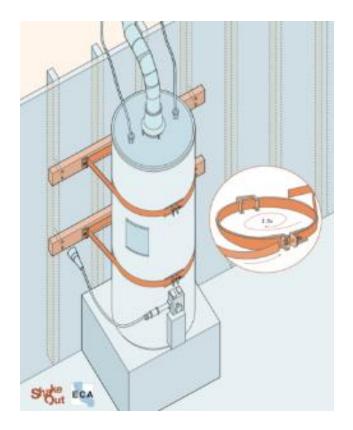


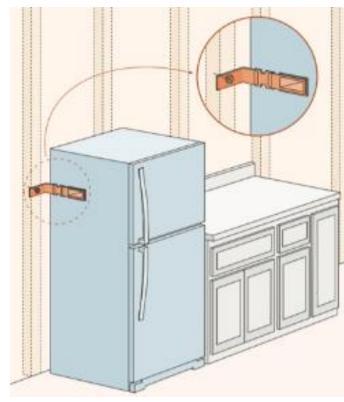




Many options are available at hardware stores and online

Water Heaters and Large Appliances





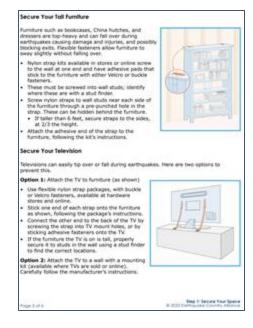
- Use flexible stainlesssteel gas connectors
- Secure large appliances to wall studs

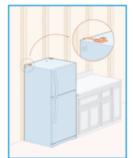


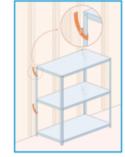


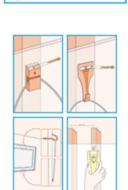
Secure Your Space Guide & Worksheet

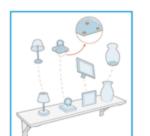


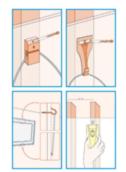


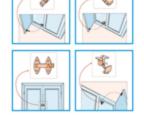












Secure Your Space - Worksheet

Earthquake shaking can move almost anything, even large or heavy items. Imagine your home or workplace being shaken by an earthquake sideways and up-and-down - what could be thrown around? How can you prevent it?



START NOW by moving furniture such as bookcases away from beds, sofas, or other places where people sit, sleep, or spend a lot of time. Move heavy objects to lower shelves and secure bookcases to walls. Then continue your "hazard hunt" to help identify and fix things such as unsecured televisions, computers, furniture, water heaters, etc. Use the chart below to list what you need to secure these items and plan how to get it done. Guidance

Item to Secure or Move	Location	How	who	When
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Begin to Secure Your Space:

TODAY:

Move a heavy object to a lower location

- Review EarthquakeCountry.org/step1
- List potential hazards to be secured
- Secure everything in a weekend, or over time
- Show your friends, family, neighbors, tenants, etc. to encourage them to Secure Their Space (even better... help each other!)

Step 2: Plan to Be Safe

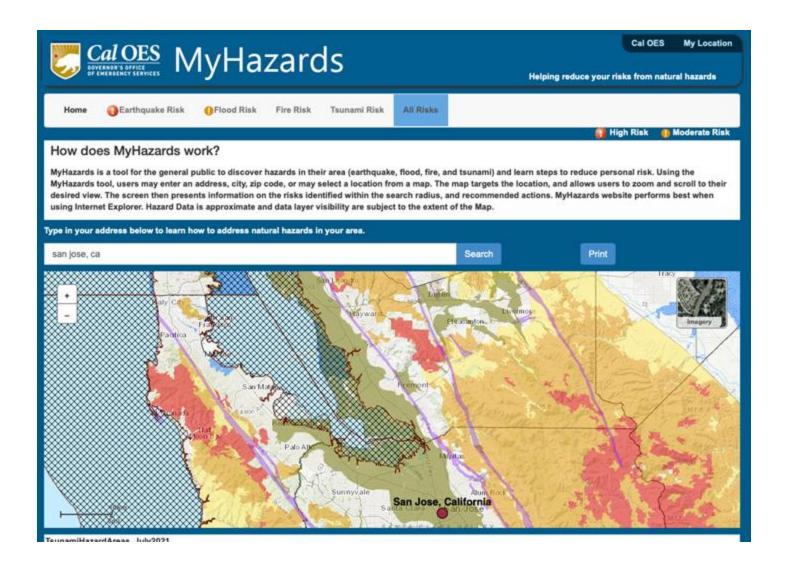
BEFORE

- Create a disaster plan
- Decide how to communicate in an emergency



EarthquakeCountry.org/step2

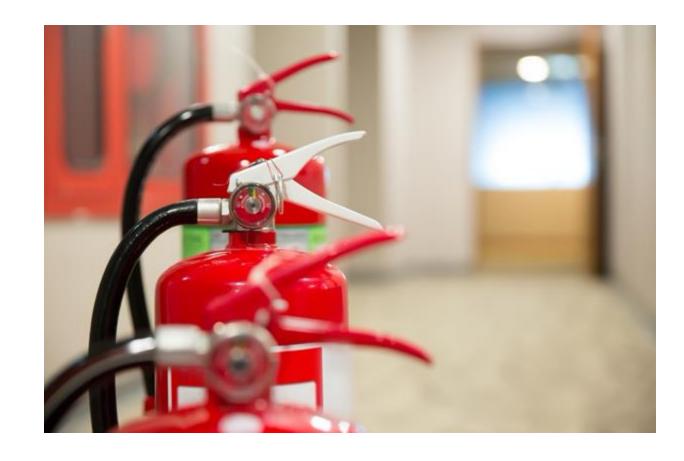
Know Your Hazards



MyHazards.CalOES.ca.gov

Plan Your Response: Extinguish Small Fires

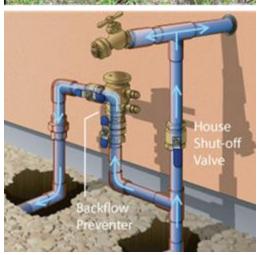
- Get a fire extinguisher for your home.
- Your local fire department can train you and your family to use it properly.

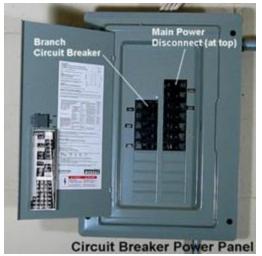


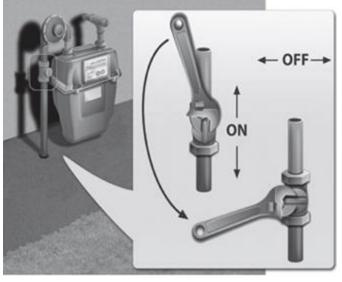
Plan to Respond: Utility Shutoffs

- Know the location of utility shutoffs (gas, water, and electricity)
- Keep needed tools nearby
- Know how to shut them off
- Gas:
 - Only turn off the gas if you smell, hear, or see leaking gas
 - Use wrench and turn ¼ way
 - Or have automatic gas shutoff valve installed







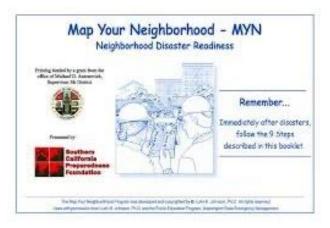


Take Training/Networking Programs

- Learn about local programs, such as:
 - CERT
 - Map Your Neighborhood
 - Neighborfest
 - Red Cross trainings











Plan to Communicate and Connect

- Choose a meeting place where everyone will go if your home is not accessible.
- Share a list of key contacts (include someone in another area to text or call)
- If you are a person with a disability, identify and include your support network
- Sign up for local emergency text alerts or download alert phone apps.
- Get a NOAA Weather Radio for weather updates or any portable radio for news

Step 3: Organize Disaster Supplies

BEFORE

- At home, work, and in your car
- Copies of prescriptions, extra glasses, etc.
- Essentials for 3 days, ideally 2 weeks



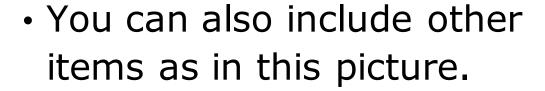
Disaster Supplies Checklist

- Choose where you want to store your supplies:
 - Under-Bed bag?
 - Go-Bag?
 - Home?
 - Work?
 - Car?
- What personal items do you need?



Under-Bed Bags

 Keep shoes and a flashlight in a closed bag attached to each bed.

















Prevents...

- Cut feet and hands
- Tripping over objects

Allows you to...

- Open jammed doors
- Help injured

Go Bags / Car Kits

- Prescription & critical medications
- Non-perishable food & manual can opener
- As much water as can carry
- Flashlights & batteries or other power
- First aid kit
- Personal health and hygiene needs
- Pet supplies (water, food, leash, carrier)





Home Supplies / Stay Kits

 Up to 2 weeks of water, food, and other supplies

1 gallon of water per person or pet, per day, for up to 2 weeks

3 people + 1 dog = 4 gallons/day

4 gallons x 14 days = 54 gallons

 Keep items in containers, backpacks, etc. – you may need to take with you

Under- Bed?	Go-Bag?	Home?	Work?	Car?	Item:
					Clothing, shoes, hard hat / helmet, gloves
					Whistle
					Flashlight / headlamp
					Dust mask and goggles
					Glasses / contacts
					Tools (gas wrench, shovel, crowbar, knife)
					Contact lists (in-state, out-of-state)
					Copies of ID / important documents
0					Batteries, battery pack, & charging cables
					Medications / Copies of Prescriptions
R					First-aid supplies and emergency blanket
					Water and food (long shelf-life)
M					Portable radio
					Toiletries (sunscreen, tissue, hygiene items)
^					Cash (small bills)
					Maps (local and regional)
10					Pet supplies (food, water, toys, leashes)
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$\sim Q^{-1}$					Personal item
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Step 4: Minimize Financial Hardship

BEFORE

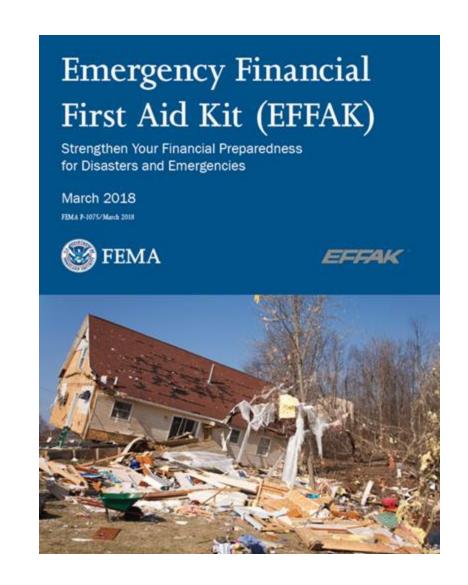
- Organize important documents
- Strengthen your property
- Consider insurance



Emergency Financial First Aid Kit

- Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place
- Have an emergency savings account
- Store copies of important documents and account numbers (insurance, etc.)
- Download FEMA's
 Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK)

ready.gov/financial-preparedness



Older Buildings & Infrastructure

- Many cities require retrofit of some older, vulnerable buildings
- California Earthquake Authority offers home retrofit incentives and guidance:

<u>EarthquakeBraceBolt.com</u> <u>StrengthenMyHouse.com</u>

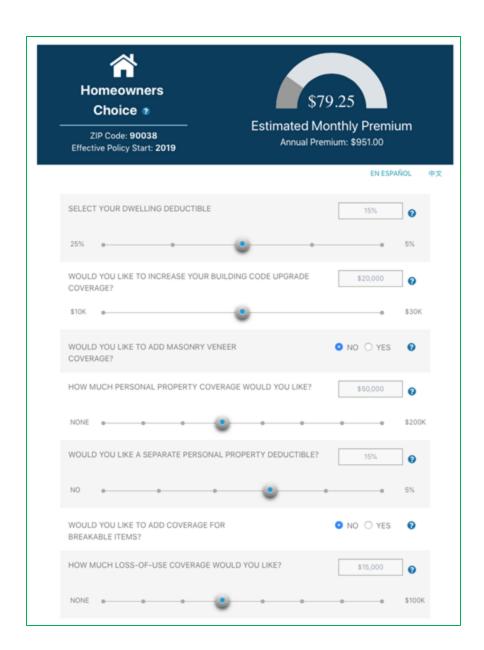
- Freeway bridges are retrofitted
- Extensive work underway by water, power, and other utilities





California Earthquake Authority: Premium Calculator

- Earthquake damage is not covered by homeowners' insurance
- Many options now available for customizing your coverage
- Home, condo, mobile home, and renters' policies are available
- EarthquakeAuthority.com:
 Click on "Free Estimate" at top right.



Step 5: Drop (Lock), Cover and Hold On

DURING

- When the earth shakes, act immediately
- Protect yourself from falling to the ground, or from falling objects



Why Drop, Cover, and Hold On?

- Strong consensus for many years, based on data for how people are injured, and experience of Urban Search and Rescue firefighters
- Prevents being thrown to the ground
- Reduces injury from falling or flying items...
 including structural elements and exterior
 façades (brick, glass, etc.)
- Increases chance of surviving collapse





Classroom in Calexico, CA April 2010 M7.2

Adapt to Your Situation

- if you can't get back up on your own, don't drop down
- Practice your preferred method with others who assist you
- EarthquakeCountry.org/accessibility

If You Feel Shaking or Get an Alert:



Using Cane





Using Walker





Using Wheelchair







Know How to Protect Yourself

In *most* situations and building types:



Drop on to your hands and knees, where you are



See EarthquakeCountry.org/step5 for advice for a variety of settings

Know How to Protect Yourself

In *most* situations and building types:



Cover your head and neck with one arm and hand

- If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath it for shelter
- If no table/desk, crawl against a wall or next to low furniture for sideways protection



See EarthquakeCountry.org/step5 for advice for a variety of settings

Know How to Protect Yourself

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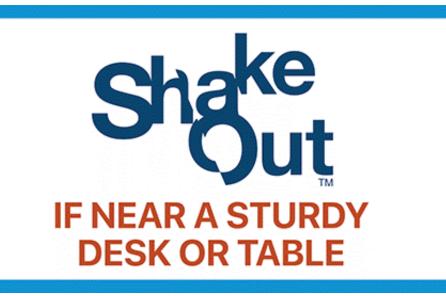
Hold On to your shelter until shaking stops

- Be ready to move with your shelter
- If not under a shelter, hold on to your head/neck with both arms and hands



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Earthquake Safety Video Series

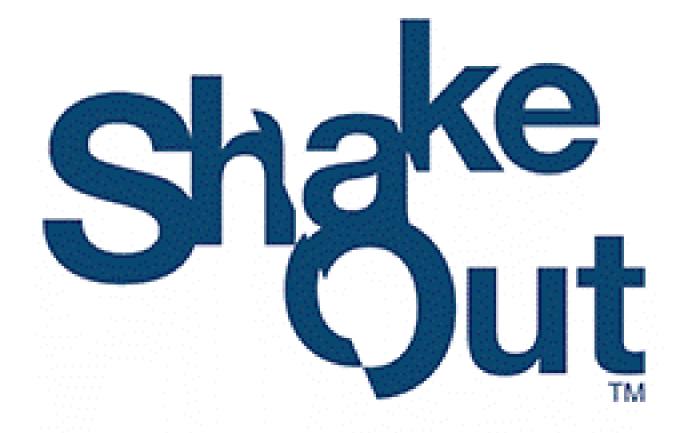




- Separate short (1-8 min) videos:
 - indoors, nearby table/desk
 - indoors, no table/desk
 - theater/stadium
 - near the shore
 - in a car
 - in bed
 - for users of mobility devices/aids
- View full videos at Youtube.com/greatshakeout
- Download full videos at ShakeOut.org/messaging

Shake Out

IF USING A CANE



IF USING A WHEELCHAIR

Chake Out

IF USING A WALKER

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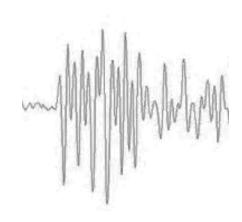
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When Should You Protect Yourself?



When You Feel Earthquake Shaking When You Get an Earthquake Warning

When You Do an Earthquake Drill

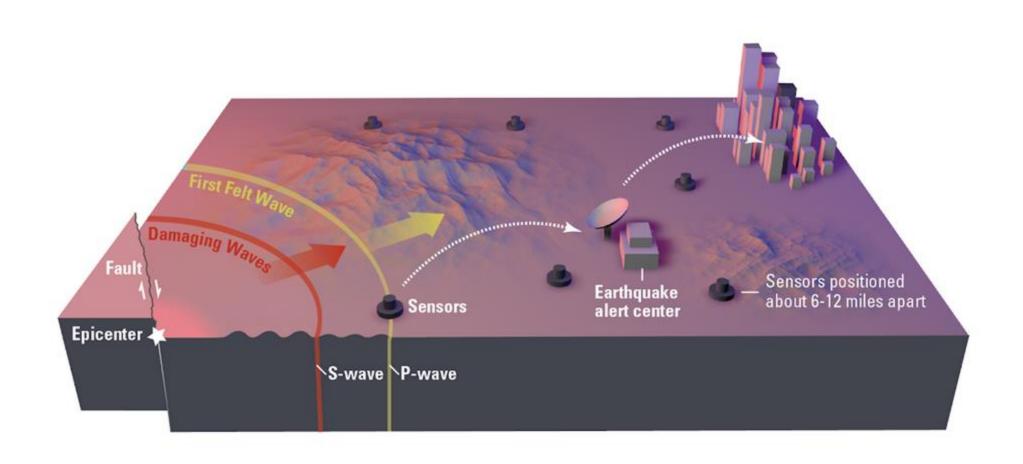






ShakeOut.org 2022: October 20

Earthquake Early Warning



Powered by **ShakeAlert**®

Earthquake Warning California

Earthquake Early Warnings
Now Available through Wireless
Emergency Alerts (WEA)



Magnitude = 5 or greater and Intensity at your location = greater than IV



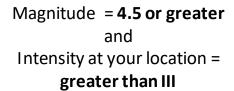






App Store

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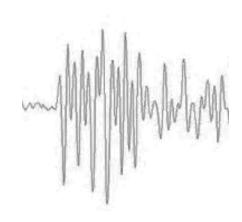
earthquake.ca.gov

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ShakeOut.org 2022: October 20

Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills

- Annual opportunity for schools, organizations, and families practice earthquake safety and other aspects of their emergency plans
- Created in So. Calif. in 2008; statewide 2009; with FEMA NEHRP funding SCEC added other regions (all US states/territories involved since 2015)
- 2023 International ShakeOut Day: October 19 (but can drill anyday)







Learn more and register: **ShakeOut.org**

Social Science Research Basis for ShakeOut

People Get Motivated to Prepare When:



- They see and hear consistent information about what to do frequently, in many forms, and from many sources
- They see others like themselves getting prepared
- They talk about preparedness with people they know
- They learn potential consequences, and how to avoid them

Based on research results of Mileti, D., Wood, M., Bourque, L., and others

ShakeOut puts these findings into practice

ShakeOut Goals

Shift the culture about earthquakes and preparedness













ShakeOut Goals

Increase earthquake resilience at all levels











ShakeOut Goals

Encourage people worldwide to practice earthquake safety



Benefits of Registering



- Be counted in the world's largest earthquake drill
- Be updated with news and safety tips
- Be listed with other participants
- Be an example that motivates others
- Have peace of mind that you have taken action and helped others
- Be better prepared to survive and recover!

ShakeOut.org/register

Example ShakeOut Resources









Recommended Earthquake



(Remote Work, In-Person or Both)

Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills

> Drill Guidance for Grades K-4

(Distance Learning or In-Person)

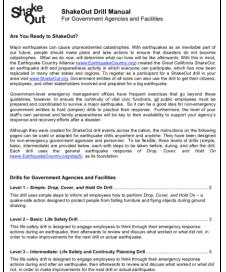
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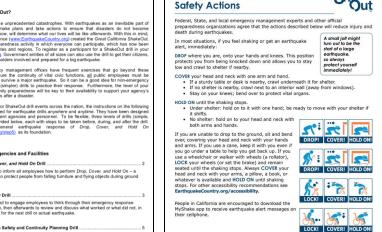
Simulacros de **Terremoto Great ShakeOut**

Orientación de Simulacros para **Organizaciones**

(Por videoconferencia, en persona o ambos)







Eorthquake Country
Alliance CalOES FEMA





Register: **ShakeOut.org**



ShakeOut.org/messaging

- Social media messaging #Sh
- News release templates
- Downloadable earthquake safety videos
- Video Conference backgrounds
- Animated GIFs and more!

CONTACT: Your Name, Agency FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Mobile/Desk Phone #

FIFTH ANNUAL "GREAT YOUR REGION SHAKEOUT" SET FOR OCTOBER 19, 2017

All citizens, businesses, and communities in YOUR CITY/STATE encouraged participate

CITY, St. — Following FEMA's "National Preparedness Month" in September, individuals and communities throughout <u>FOUR REGION</u> will participate in the fifth annual Great <u>FOUR REGION</u> ShakeDut earthquake drill.

Held annually on the third Thursday of October, the ShakeOut International Day of Action is set for Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 10:19 a.m. During the self-led drill, participants practice how to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On". Endorsed by emergency officials and first responders, the safe response to an extremelse its.

DROP where you are, onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and also allows you to stay low and crawl to shelter if nearby.

COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand

- · If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath it for shelter
- . If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall (away from windows)
- · Stay on your knees; bend over to protect vital organs

HOLD ON until shaking stops

- Under shelter: hold on to it with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts
- · No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.

(Insert any recent or memorable earthquake events here) The April 2015 M7.8 Nepal earthquake and M8.3 September 16, 2015 earthquakes near Illiagel, Chile serve as reminders that large earthquakes canceur with little to no warning. Citizens in the central U.S. are not immune to earthquakes—the region is home to several active seismic zones capable of producing damaging earthquakes, including the New

According to Spokesperson Name/Title Hers. [While damaging earthquakes here may be fewer in number when compared to other areas, they can occur at any time wherever we work, live, or travel within the region and beyond. Everyone, everywhere should know how to protect themselves from an

The ShakeOut is free and open-to-the-public, and participants include individuals, schools, businesses, local and state government agencies, and many other groups. To take part in the ShakeOut, individuals and organizations are asked to join the drill by registering to participate www.shakeout.org. Once registered, participants receive regular information on how to plan their drill and become better prepared for earthquakes and other disasters.

#ShakeOut

Join US in the World's Largest Earthquake Drill.

October 19, 2023

Register: ShakeOut.org

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Suggested Alt Text: Social media banner for ShakeOut 2023, with the text "Join us in the world's largest earthquake drill," and a link to ShakeOut.org.

Have you registered for ShakeOut yet? We did! JOIN US in the world's largest earthquake drill on October 19: ShakeOut.org/register









Step 6: Improve Safety

DURING

- Evacuate if necessary
- Help the injured
- Prevent further injuries or damage



Evacuation (If Needed)

- If there is **building damage, a fire, or other hazard**, safely go to your planned meeting place (Step 2).
- If you feel shaking and are near the coast, move to higher ground once you can safely move. Tsunami waves can arrive within minutes. Distant-source tsunamis may have official alerts and more time to evacuate. Learn more at TsunamiZone.org.
- Remember to bring your Go-Bag!



Help the Injured & Prevent Damage

Help the injured:

- Check your first aid kit for instructions or a first aid app.
- Ask permission before helping someone else.
- If someone is bleeding, put direct pressure on the wound.
- If someone is not breathing, provide hands-only CPR
- Do not move a seriously injured person unless there is danger of further injury.
- Call 9-1-1 to request medical help for serious injuries.

Prevent further damage:

- Move or secure items that may fall during aftershocks
- Use a fire extinguisher for small fires only.
- Shut off the gas only if you smell or hear a gas leak.
- Use flashlights instead of lighting candles or matches.

Step 7: Reconnect and Restore

AFTER

- Restore daily life
- Reconnect with others
- Repair damage
- Rebuild community



Step 7: Reconnect and Restore

During the first weeks after the earthquake:

- If your gas was turned off, contact the gas company
- Visit FEMA.gov/assistance to learn what might be available.
- If you need repairs, check that your contractor is licensed.
- Talk with others about how they are feeling, and help them seek counseling if needed.

If you cannot stay in your home:

- Shelters may be overcrowded; staying with friends or family, or in a hotel, may also be options.
- Tell a neighbor and your out-of-area contact where you are going.
- Only take your Go-Bag and absolutely essential items to a shelter.
- Have a plan for pets in case they cannot stay with you.

Together We Prepare

- Start preparing TODAY!
- Share information with your family, friends, & community
- Become engaged in community preparedness & other stakeholder opportunities (CERT, RYLAN, Red Cross, ECA...)



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