

Earthquake Preparedness

Please note the IADC Trial Academy EAP(s) (Emergency Assembly Points) are Identified and listed in black type following these directions.

Earthquakes in the Bay Area may be inevitable, but damage from them is not.

Before an earthquake:

Make note of the location of fire extinguishers and emergency supplies in your area. Look around your area and decide where the safe spots are located; e.g., under sturdy tables, desks or against inside walls

Always store flammable and hazardous chemicals in secondary containment trays and in approved cabinets, if applicable

Keep breakables and heavy objects on lower shelves whenever possible so they do not fall and injure someone, if applicable

Familiarize yourself with the location of your Emergency Assembly Point (EAP)

During: If you are inside

Immediately “duck, cover, and hold”

Under a desk, table or chair

Between seating rows in classrooms

Against a corridor wall

If unable to get under something, cover your head with your arms to help protect against falling objects.

Note: Wheelchair users: Apply the brake. Cover your head with your arms to help protect against falling objects. Ask for assistance.

Do not go into a doorway

Do not run or panic

Move away from the danger areas: near windows, hanging objects, tall unsecured furniture (bookcases, cabinets, and appliances), and research or process equipment containing hazardous chemicals. Most casualties in earthquakes result from falling materials.

Stay inside under cover until shaking stops

Watch for falling objects

Make note of any unsafe conditions, trapped personnel or other hazards to be reported when you evacuate to your EAP

During: If you are outside

Stay outside

Move to an open area away from buildings, trees, electrical/overhead wires, and other hazards

If forced to stand near a building, watch for falling objects

During: If you are in an automobile

Stop your vehicle in the nearest open area without blocking the roadway

Do not stop under bridges, overpasses, or overhead wires

Stay in the vehicle until the shaking stops

After: Evacuation

Evacuate after the shaking stops to the designated Emergency Assembly Point (EAP) for the building you are in if any of the below occurs or are noted:

Smoke and/or fire

Fire and/or sprinkler alarm is activated

Other life-threatening hazards

Significant amount of fallen objects

Glass breakage

Cracks in walls

Leave doors unlocked

DO NOT USE ELEVATORS – they most likely will not be working

Do not move seriously injured people unless they are in obvious, immediate danger from fire, building collapse, etc. Note their locations and report them at the designated Emergency Assembly Point (EAP)

Do not re-enter buildings until emergency management personnel has given clearance to return

Await instructions, be patient, and help others

Be prepared for aftershocks; these may occur seconds, minutes, hours or days after the initial shock

After: Additional instructions

Open doors carefully

Do not use plumbing, light switches, or gas until utility lines have been checked

Do not use matches, lighters, or candles

Replace telephone handsets on cradles and avoid using phones for non-emergency purposes, if applicable
Stay on campus until you have been accounted for and instructed that it is safe to leave
Roads may have been damaged or blocked by debris, so travel may be dangerous
For campus emergency information:
Call (650) 725-5555, the Stanford Emergency Information Hotline
Listen to KZSU 90.1 FM or log on to <http://kzsu.stanford.edu>
For area information, follow reports on “Emergency Alert System” radio stations (e.g., KCBS 740 AM) and television

After: If you are trapped in a building

Stay calm
If a window is available, place an article of clothing (shirt, coat, etc.) outside the window as a marker for rescue crews
If there is no window, regularly tap on a pipe or wall so that rescuers can hear where you are
If possible, use a flashlight or whistle to signal your location to rescuers
If available, pull a manual fire alarm pull station
Shout only as a last resort (to prevent dust inhalation, tiring too quickly, or losing your voice)
Avoid unnecessary movement to prevent kicking up dust
Cover your nose and mouth with anything you have on hand to prevent breathing in dust and other debris. (Dense-weave cotton material can act as a good filter. Breathe through the material.)

Our IADC Emergency Preparedness EAP(s) (Emergency Assembly Points) for the Trial Academy are as follows:

Assigned Residence(s): Munger #4 and possibly Munger #5

EAP(s): #21-1 or #21-2 (Emergency Assembly Point)

Dining Hall: Law School-Catering-Student Lounge (Munger Building #4-Paul Brest Hall)

EAP: #21-2 (Emergency Assembly Point) Rehnquist Courtyard

Meeting Space/Huang Engineering Center: EAP 106