

Get Ready to ShakeOut.

February 7, 2012 Register Now at shakeout.org/centralus



Drop - Cover - Hold On!

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency is encouraging businesses and other organizations to participate in the **Great Central U.S. ShakeOut on February 7, 2012, at 10:15 am**. This "Drop, Cover and Hold On" drill will be conducted simultaneously with other states in the Central U.S. to draw attention to the earthquake hazard that exists in Illinois and other states in the region.

Participation in this drill is as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. **REGISTER** your organization on the ShakeOut website: www.ShakeOut.org/centralus. If this date and/or time will not work, a different date may be selected and registered on the ShakeOut website. Once registered, your point of contact will receive ShakeOut news and other information about earthquakes and preparedness.
2. **INFORM** the members of your organization of your participation plans.
3. **PRACTICE "DROP, COVER and HOLD ON"** on February 7, 2012, at 10:15 am. These are the recommended actions to take during earthquake shaking.

The date for the 2012 ShakeOut drill coincides with the 200th anniversary of the February 7, 1812, earthquake near New Madrid, Missouri, the last of a series of earthquakes that were felt as far away as the East Coast. Earthquake preparedness is important in our state, as Illinois is home to two major earthquake faults, the New Madrid and Wabash Valley. Northern Illinois has also experienced several quakes in the past 100 years.

Do your employees know what they would do to protect themselves if a major earthquake happened right now? As with tornadoes, fire and other threats, practice is essential. ShakeOut provides the opportunity to practice.

Thank you in advance for registering your business. Your support and commitment to earthquake preparedness are appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the ShakeOut drill, please feel free to contact Kate Mackz with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency at kate.mackz@illinois.gov or 217/785-9925.