

EARTHQUAKE ADVISORY¹

There has been significant seismic activity in Northern Nevada, and the following important information is for you to review and share with others. According to the Nevada Earthquake Safety Council:

- Nevada is the 3rd most seismically active state in the U.S., after Alaska and California.
- Western Nevada is in a seismic zone similar to Los Angeles.
- The Reno area could be in for a much larger seismic event, possibly magnitude 6.0 or greater.²

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE SHAKING BEGINS

- **DROP, COVER, AND HOLD ON!** Take cover under a piece of furniture or against an inside wall. Stay indoors until the shaking stops and you're sure it's safe to exit. Stay away from windows. In a high-rise building, expect the fire alarms and sprinklers to go off during a quake.
- If you are in bed, hold on and stay there, protecting your head with a pillow.
- If you are outdoors, find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, and power lines. Drop to the ground.
- If you are in a car, slow down and drive to a clear place (as described above). Stay in the car until the shaking stops

Research has shown that most injuries in U.S. earthquakes occur when people inside buildings attempt to move to a different location inside the building or try to leave. Quickly seeking a place of safety, such as under a sturdy table or desk, and moving as short a distance as possible to that place of safety, is recommended based on research.

AFTER THE SHAKING STOPS

- Be prepared for **aftershocks** that can occur in the first hours, days, weeks or even months after the quake.
- Help injured or trapped persons.
- Check your home or building for damage.
- Leave the area if you smell gas or chemical fumes.

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