



Dear Educators:

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) continues to work with Washington State Emergency Management (EMD) to provide you up-to-date information that will assist you as you improve your school's disaster plans, procedures, and drills. Although EMD's website no longer has specific school emergency preparedness pages, you can still find helpful disaster information on OSPI's School Safety Center (SSC) web pages.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact your OSPI Liaison, Barbara Thurman, bthurman20@comcast.net or EMD Public Educator, Rosanne Garrand, rosanne.garrand@mil.wa.gov

The following information will help you improve disaster preparedness in your schools.

- **OSPI's School Safety Center:** [http://www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter/Emergency Preparedness:](http://www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter/Emergency%20Preparedness) The SSC provides resources to schools and parents which help schools develop comprehensive safe school plans for on-campus emergencies, security issues, and large scale disasters.
 - **Great Washington ShakeOut:** [http://www.shakeout.org/washington:](http://www.shakeout.org/washington) You will find: Drill Manuals and Other Planning Documents, Multimedia, Posters/Flyers, Additional Flyers, Web Banners, Materials for Kids, Outsmart the Quake!, and Educational ResourcesShakeOut Descriptions.
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Free On-line Training Courses:

FEMA Independent Study Courses web-based courses

<http://training.fema.gov/is/searchis.aspx?search=school>

- IS-100.SC.a: - Introduction to the Incident Command System for Schools
- IS-360: Preparing for Mass Casualty Incidents: A Guide for Schools, Higher Education, and Houses of Worship
- IS-362.a: Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools
- IS-366.a: Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters

Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium web-based course

<https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/courses/awr-148-w/>

- AWR 148-W Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents - Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems 8.00 hour web-based course.
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Free In-State Training Courses: <http://mil.wa.gov/training-and-exercise>

- Multi-Hazards Training for Schools (G-364)
 - Rapid Visual Screenings of Buildings (FEMA-154)
 - Post-Earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings (ATC-20)
 - Safety Evaluation of Buildings after Windstorms and Floods (ATC-45)
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FEMA Earthquake Publications and Tools:

FEMA offers a variety of earthquake-related information resources. In addition to the content provided on its earthquake web pages, these resources range from reports, handbooks, guides, and manuals to posters, software, web-based tools, and instructional materials.

- Drop, Cover, and Hold Poster, FEMA 529
- Earthquake Publications for Teachers and Kids, FEMA P-710CD
- Earthquake Safety Activities for Children and Teachers, FEMA 527
- Seismic Sleuths: Earthquakes—A Teacher's Package for Grades 7-12, FEMA 253
- The Adventures of Terry the Turtle and Gracie the Wonder Dog, Grades 3-6, FEMA 531
- Tremor Troop: Earthquakes—A Teacher's Package for K-6. Revised Edition, FEMA 159

Washington State: *October is Disaster Preparedness Month!*



Get Ready to
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10.15.2015

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Register Now

The annual ShakeOut Earthquake Drop, Cover & Hold On Drill

October 15 at 10:15 a.m.

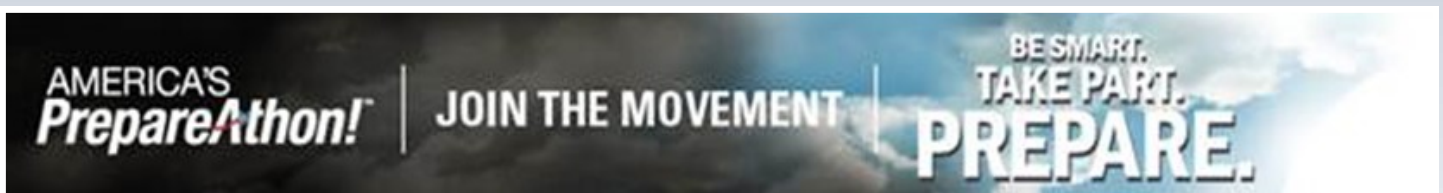
Registration is now open and lots more information will be added to the website:
<http://www.shakeout.org/washington>



October is NOAA Weather Radio month. Every school in Washington State (public and private) was given a weather radio by NOAA. These radios, when programmed properly will notify you of impending weather and hazards situations, allowing you time to take appropriate actions.

Take the time to locate yours, make sure it's programmed, train someone on how to use it, and place it in a location that is always staffed.

Do this every school year - it can save lives.



America's PrepareAthon! is an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and communities to prepare for specific hazards through drills, group discussions, and exercises.

PrepareAthon days are **April 30** and **September 30**, 2015 and will revolve around taking the actions to prepare local hazards which include earthquake, flood, hurricane, tornado, wildfire and winter storm. Things to do:

- Register to participate and provide details about the activities you're planning.
- Plan your own local community or organizational preparedness event.
- Participate in discussion forums online with like-minded community members.
- Learn the actions to take for disaster preparedness and practice them!

Where can I register and find more information?

- **America's PrepareAthon!** www.ready.gov/prepare