



OCTOBER IS

EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS MONTH

Get Ready to ShakeOut.

October 16, 2025

DROP!

COVER!

HOLD ON!

A Caltech Alert will be sent out at 10:16am on October 16 to announce the start of the drill. Practice your “drop, cover, hold on” to prepare for a large earthquake!



PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS FAIR
Thursday, October 16
11:30am-1pm
Hameetman Multipurpose Room

Join us for informational resources, complimentary cold brew, and the chance to win drawing prizes!

BIKE FAIR
Thursday, November 6
11:30am-1pm
East San Pasqual

Come register your bicycle with Caltech Security and the Pasadena Police Department. A free U-lock will be provided upon completion of both applications, while supplies last.

PARKING UPDATES

Parking Permit Renewal

The 2025-2026 parking permits were mailed out to active permit holders the last week of September. If you think you should have received a permit that hasn't arrived, please contact the Parking Office at: parking@caltech.edu. For information about how to apply for a new permit, or how to cancel an existing permit, please visit the [parking website](#).

A LITTLE REMINDER

Our Campus Card Office has moved to CES 105!

[Click here to find directions to our new office and view answers to frequently asked questions.](#)

7 STEPS TO EARTHQUAKE SAFETY

MAKE SURE YOUR SPACE IS SECURE

Heavy items such as televisions, dressers, bookshelves, and wall art can become dangerous during an earthquake. Taking the time to check stability and anchoring these items with seismic restraints may prevent accidents from occurring during an earthquake. While doing so, find some sturdy spaces to aid in shelter during an earthquake. Include these spaces as during your “Drop Cover and Hold On” safety drill.

MAKE A SAFETY PLAN

Set up communication plans and emergency contacts, including out-of-area options. Map out evacuation routes and meeting points. If applicable, consider others, such as children, individuals with special needs, and pets, in your evacuation routes and meeting points. Stock essential supplies (water, food, medications), and regularly review and practice your plan with others. Update your plan as your life changes to stay prepared.

ENSURE THAT FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IS MINIMIZED

Preparing your go-bag and having it readily accessible will reduce any initial need for assistance and spending, following an incident. It is suggested to carry small bills in your go-bag for the days following the disaster to help pay for items in the event of a power or card outage, the amount should be adequate enough for one week of yourself and any applicable family. Before a natural disaster occurs, acquire and maintain an adequate insurance plan.

DROP, COVER, AND HOLD ON

Inside: Take cover under a table or desk, protect your head, and hold on. If there is no furniture to take cover under, lean into an interior wall and cover your head with your arms. Stay away from windows, overhead fixtures, tall objects, and electrical equipment. Outside: move to an open area away from buildings, trees, utility wires, and overhead structures. If driving, pull over to the nearest open area and stop. Stay inside your vehicle until the shaking stops.

ENHANCE SAFETY

Expect aftershocks. Continue to actively Evacuate if necessary. Monitor your surroundings to assess possible hazards. Move cautiously to avoid injury from debris, such as broken glass or downed powerlines. Avoid chimneys, walls, and other structures that may have weakened. Avoid using elevators when exiting a structure. Refrain from using matches or lighters as a source of light. If you smell gas, evacuate immediately and notify authorities.

CONNECT AND RESTORE

Check for any injuries sustained by yourself or others. Provide first aid to anyone who needs it. This includes psychological first aid to promote a calm and safe evacuation. Use text message or social media to communicate with loved ones. Save phone calls for emergencies. Tune into the news, whether by social media, news, or radio, for updates and information from proper authorities.

Halloween is just around the corner!

KEEP THE COSTUMES SPOOKY BUT TAKE YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY SERIOUS!

If you celebrate, please do so responsibly and be respectful neighbors.

Stick with your friends! If you go out together, come home together.

When you are returning to the residence halls, be vigilant and do not allow tailgaters.

If you see something suspicious, report it to Campus Security by calling 626-395-4701.