

EARTHQUAKE

While the likelihood of an earthquake occurring in this area is remote, it is not totally out of the question. Therefore, these procedures are included in this Major Emergency Control Guide to help minimize injury should an earthquake of any magnitude strike.

Earthquakes happen without warning, so it is very important to know what to do in an earthquake **BEFORE** it strikes.

When a quake strikes, the major cause of casualty problems are not caused by the actual earth movement. Rather, they come from falling objects and debris such as flying glass from broken windows, fires from broken gas lines, falling trees, or power lines, or from land slides that the quake may trigger.

WHAT TO DO DURING AN EARTHQUAKE

If indoors, stay there. Get under a sturdy table or desk, holding onto it so that it doesn't "creep" away from you, or brace yourself in a doorway corner. The tables in the Dining Hall are a good example and each one can shelter several people. Stay away from windows, shelves, or heavy objects, which may fall.

If outside, move away from all trees, power lines and poles, walls, and chimneys, into an open area. The Camp Activity Field is a good place, but any open area will do. Once in an open place, stay there until the quake subsides.

AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

Stop for a moment and try to adjust to the shock, because after a major quake, there are three priorities, which must be set:

1. Check for injuries among you scouts.
2. Check for fires and gas leaks. (Rangers will attend to this)
3. turn of utilities if necessary. (Rangers will attend to this)

Make sure that everyone is OK. If there are injuries, give first aid. The medical officer will attend to any serious injuries. Follow the Medical Officer's instructions regarding moving the injured unless they are in danger of further injury.

Make sure you and your scouts are wearing shoes. You will need protection from debris and broken glass.

Staff have been prepared for this sort of disaster. Follow their instructions and maintain order among the campers.