

EARTHQUAKE DRILLS

Background

Federal, provincial and local emergency management experts and other official preparedness organizations all agree that “Drop, Cover and Hold On” is the appropriate action to reduce injury and death during earthquakes.

Procedures

1. Classroom earthquake drills shall be held at least twice each year, once in September and once in January.
2. Full evacuation earthquake drills shall be held at least annually, during Emergency Awareness Week (first week in May).
3. The DROP, COVER AND HOLD method will be immediately deployed when earthquake drills are announced over the public address system or at the onset of a seismic event.
4. Upon completion of each earthquake drill, an evaluation of the drill through debriefing of staff, including students and/or parents as appropriate, is to be conducted, with any improvements needed documented for future reference.
5. A completed *Situation Report* must be emailed to the Manager, Health and Safety upon completion of the May drill.

Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act
School Regulation 265/89

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