

The Effects of an Earthquake and What to Do

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Have you ever experienced an earthquake? Did you know that since 1900 there have been over 1,300,000 earthquakes that have occurred? The effects of earthquakes are very dangerous for people and communities. Earthquakes happen when the tectonic plates rub together! Most of them happen on the coast surrounding the Pacific Ocean. The places that have the most earthquakes are Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and Oregon. The world's biggest earthquake was in Valdivia Chile. There was a 9.2 earthquake on May 22, 1960. Wherever you go, you need to watch out for Earthquakes.

The largest earthquake is called the Main shock. Main shocks have aftershocks that follow. Those aftershocks are smaller earthquakes that happen after the main shock. In addition, aftershocks can last for weeks, months, and sometimes even years!

Although earthquakes are dangerous there are many ways to stay safe! For example you can make a first aid kit, which will need to include bandages, gauze, kleenex, tweezers, and soap. Practice the duck and cover rule. It is **IMPORTANT** to duck and cover because you can hurt yourself and end up in the hospital. You should duck under a desk or table. **STAY AWAY** from buildings, trees, power lines, and of course bookshelves. As you can see these are very easy and important facts to stay safe.

During earthquakes, things break. You could probably get a splinter so You can use the tweezers to take it out. If you get a cut you are going to need to wash it out with soap. You should not stand around trees, power lines, and buildings because you could get a serious injury. If you stand by a power line you could die because you could get electrocuted. If you are in a building make sure you evacuate as fast as possible.

As you can see earthquakes, are very dangerous and can hurt people. Earthquakes can destroy homes, cars, lives, trees etc. These are a few ways you can stay safe during an earthquake.