

EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE PROCEDURE

THE FIRST INDICATION OF AN EARTHQUAKE MAY BE:

- A low or loud rumbling noise
- A sudden violent jolt
- A shaking or moving of objects
- Any combination of the above

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Ruptured water lines
- Possible loss of suction/vacuum
- Electricity may be lost (auxiliary power may or may not function)
- Fire and chemical spills may occur
- Structural damage to walls, ceiling and floors could occur
- Non-structural damage to light fixtures, shelves and window may occur
- Possible loss of telephones

WHAT TO DO IMMEDIATELY:

- Protect yourself
- Move away from large windows and objects which may fall. Drop to the floor and cover the back of your neck with your hands. If you are able, get under a heavy table or desk.



WHAT TO DO WHEN THE SHAKING STOPS:

- Assess the area for immediate danger such as fire, flooding, chemical spills
- Assess coworkers for injuries, give first aid to the most seriously injured
- Access the Earthquake Survival Kits: flashlights, hardhats, glow sticks, radio, whistles etc
- Clear away hazardous debris, close fume hood sashes
- Put all telephone receivers back on their hooks
- Check for others who may be trapped
- Remain calm and stay in intact rooms
- Prepare to evacuate when order is given or remove yourself if you perceive imminent danger
- **If you smell gas, do not flick switches**
- **Prepare for aftershocks**