

HAZARDS AND THREATS: EARTHQUAKES

BUSINESSES WEB RESOURCES

- Business and Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness (BICEPP)

Created in 1983 where the Mayor of Los Angeles and a group of business leaders met to discuss disaster preparedness. This group subsequently became a steering committee and formed the Business and Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness (BICEPP), established as a private-sector, self-help association funded by annual sponsorship donations. The organization later evolved into a non-profit corporation, led by an Executive Committee and a Board of Directors. The goal is to provide a forum for information exchange to enhance emergency preparedness and contingency planning within the business community.

<http://www.bicepp.org/index.asp>

- Earthquake Country Alliance

The Earthquake Country Alliance is the organizer of the annual Great California ShakeOut, an earthquake preparedness drill held in the State of California in October. The ECA's website provides information in regards to earthquake preparedness that is available at

<http://www.DaretoPrepare.org> ("Secure Your Space" – how to secure building contents, electronics, breakables; and how to secure the structure of the building to protect from earthquake damage).

You can read online a copy of "Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country" handbook including the "7-Steps to Earthquake Safety" at home, and the website has information on about understanding of earthquakes and specific faults in California. The 32-page earthquake science and preparedness handbook was first published in 1995 by the Southern California Earthquake Center (SCEC) based on the campus of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. The handbook is updated annually by SCEC and ECA and available at

<http://www.earthquakecountry.info/roots/index.php>

The ECA also developed a supplemental guide to “Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country” entitled “7 steps to an Earthquake Resilient Business” available at

<http://www.earthquakecountry.info/roots/7StepsBusiness2008.pdf>

- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) provides information regarding types and applying for disaster assistance, disaster plan, and other resources. SBA’s Expect the Unexpected: Prepare Your Business for a Disaster with tips and resources on a variety of disaster types

<http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance>

http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba_homepage/serv_disp_rep_planningguide.pdf

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Business section – Information on how to create a plan for your business, training, and awareness aids, downloadable information available at

<http://www.dhs.gov>

- American Federation of Scientists

The American Federation of Scientists Business Section – Information on how to create a plan for continuity, an emergency response plan, and information on multiple hazards and resources available at

<http://www.fas.org/reallyready/business/>

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in its Emergency Preparedness and Response Section provides information on specific health threats, how to plan for them and create a supply kit.

Other Web Link Resources:

County of Los Angeles Emergency Survival Guide: <http://lacounty.gov>

Emergency Survival Program: <http://espfocus.org>

The Great California ShakeOut: <http://www.ShakeOut.org>

United States Geological Survey: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov>

Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country: <http://earthquakecountry.info>

Southern California Earthquake Center: <http://www.scec.org>

Earthquake Shaking Potential for California: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov>

California Integrated Seismic Network: <http://www.cisn.org>

California Emergency Management Agency:
http://cms.calema.ca.gov/prep_earthquake.aspx

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