

Earthquake Awareness and Preparedness

- LOSD strives to educate parents, staff and students on earthquake preparedness, in addition to recording, prioritizing and improving the seismic performance of its facilities in order to protect lives and prevent injuries in the event of an earthquake.

School Preparedness



The safety of students is our top priority. We are preparing our schools for earthquakes through structural and non-structural mitigation, training, drills, supplies and partnerships.

All LOSD schools are required to conduct at least 1 earthquake drill during the school year. The earthquake drill should occur in April in accordance with earthquake preparedness month. Some buildings have also added a second earthquake drill in October in observance of the [Great Oregon Shake Out](#). All Buildings will be required to conduct two Earthquake drills beginning in 2020.

In addition to the emergency drills, every school site has:

- Two-way radios to communicate with staff during an emergency in the event normal means of communications are not available.
- All classrooms will be equipped with emergency buckets (spring of 2020) that store basic emergency supplies. In addition, each classroom is required to store water and a non-allergenic snack for each student.
- A rolling hard case stocked with emergency first aid supplies.

During an earthquake, students and staff will:

- [Drop, Cover, and Hold](#) on until the shaking stops.
- Once the shaking has stopped, teachers will check for injured students in their classroom.
- Staff will evacuate everyone to the athletic field, playground, or other secured open area on campus. Evacuation is necessary following an earthquake because of possible damage to the buildings and aftershocks.
- Each teacher has a designated area on the field for their students, and all students are accounted for.

Getting Home-Reunification

If damage is minor, bus and other transportation would proceed as normal. If damage is severe, buses would not run and families must pick up children at school. A controlled release will be set-up at each school site to allow parents to be reunified with their student. Parent/Guardians should keep in mind that reunification is a process that protects both the safety of the students and provides for an accountable change of custody from the school to a recognized custodial parent or guardian. Parent/Guardians can expect the reunification process will take several hours. We ask that parent/guardians have identification readily available when picking up students. Students will not be allowed to re-enter buildings until they have been inspected by a damage assessment team.

Family Reunification Plan

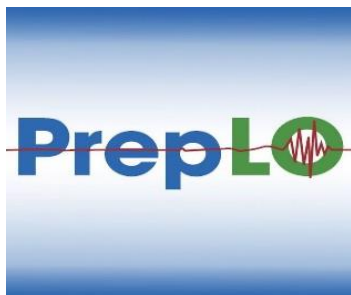
Parent/Guardians are expected to pick students up from school as soon possible. All LOSD families should have a family reunification plan that includes how and who will pick up students in the event of a large disaster. When a parent/guardian can't immediately get to the school site the family plan should have pre-identified individuals who can pick up the student and those persons must be on the **emergency contact list**. Otherwise, the school will hold students until parents can pick up their child.

Plan your route to school using [Portland Maps](#). The new Portland Maps can help you identify your route to pickup your students post disaster. The maps contain FEMA information on hazards and other public safety resources.

How you find out

If communication systems remain functional, LOSD would inform families about how students will get home. **Otherwise, families are expected to get students from school as soon as possible.**

Emergency Preparation Links and Resources:

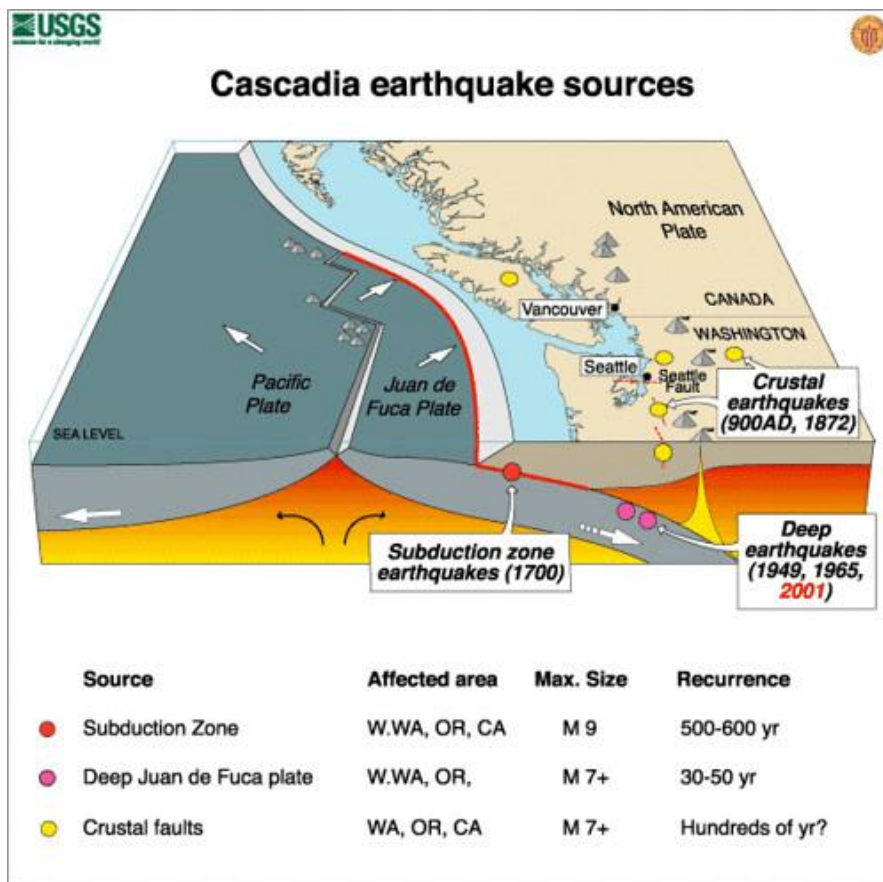


<https://www.preplo.org/>



STANDARD™ REUNIFICATION METHOD

<https://www.losdschools.org/Page/7314>



The Next Cascadia Earthquake: Worst Case Scenario

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbxaw4FimBl>



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Family Disaster Plan Template

https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/atg/PDF_s/Preparedness_Disaster_Recovery/General_Preparedness_Recovery/Home/ARC_Family_Disaster_Plan_Template_r083012.pdf