Great ShakeOut 2026

DROP–COVER–HOLD ON DRILL

We practice this action so people can protect themselves from falling furniture and flying objects during real earthquakes.

BEFORE your drill

- Choose your audience and register your drill through the VICSES website: **vicses.info/shake26**
- Plan how you will play the drill audio or video (phone, tablet, laptop, projector, or PA system).
- Ensure participants can clearly hear instructions during the exercise.

DURING your drill

- Teach your audience how to DROP-COVER-HOLD ON. Demonstrate yourself.



- Share earthquake facts and play the Geoscience Australia expert video. Show the Geoscience Australia "felt report" feature – this helps us map the impact of real events.
- Everyone **DROP-COVER-HOLD ON for 60 seconds**. Use the drill audio or video files to make it realistic.

AFTER your drill

- Remind participants that emergency information and warning may be issued through VicEmergency following a real earthquake.
- Encourage participants to secure heavy furniture and household items.
- Thank everyone for participating and helping to create a safer community.