

# News Release



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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

According to the USGS, a 5.4 earthquake struck 2 miles SW of Chino Hills at 11:42 a.m. and was felt as far as Los Angeles and eastern San Bernardino County. The earthquake was initially reported as a 5.8 magnitude, but has been downgraded to a 5.4 magnitude.

The County OA EOC is activated at a Level I to support damage assessment and information gathering. Thus far, Chino and Chino Hills report only pictures falling off of walls. Big Bear reports no damage. OES continues to gather information and is now polling other Cities/Towns in the County. The State Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) in Los Alamitos as well as the EOC in Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles counties is also activated.

Additional reports to follow.

The Office of Emergency Services urges residents to be aware of the possibility of aftershocks and to adhere to the following safety tips.

## ***Earthquake: Duck, Cover & Hold***

### **Tips**

- When in a HIGH-RISE BUILDING, move against an interior wall if you are not near a desk or table. Protect your head and neck with your arms. Do not use the elevators.
- When OUTDOORS, move to a clear area away from trees, signs, buildings, or downed electrical wires and poles.
- When on a SIDEWALK NEAR BUILDINGS, duck into a doorway to protect yourself from falling bricks, glass, plaster and other debris.
- When DRIVING, pull over to the side of the road and stop. Avoid overpasses and power lines. Stay inside your vehicle until the shaking stops.
- When in a CROWDED STORE OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACE, move away from display shelves containing objects that could fall. Do not rush for the exit.
- When in a STADIUM OR THEATER, stay in your seat, get below the level of the back of the seat and cover your head and neck with your arms.

### **Always:**

*Take COVER under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture. If that is not possible, seek cover against an interior wall and protect your head and neck with your arms. Avoid danger spots near windows, hanging objects, mirrors or tall furniture. If you take cover under a sturdy piece of furniture, HOLD on to it and be prepared to move with it. . Hold the position until the ground stops shaking and it is safe to move.*



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