



Earthquake Preparedness for Schools

Live and Virtual Trainings by Request

The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance (TA) Center, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Supportive Schools, is pleased to offer the *Earthquake Preparedness for Schools* training topic in the Train-the-Educator format. Available through the [Live Trainings by Request](#) and [Virtual Trainings by Request](#) programs, this training provides information on planning for earthquakes in the school setting and can be delivered in person or virtually. For each training modality, the REMS TA Center will provide — free of charge — training materials, as well as one or more live subject matter expert trainers and staff support for the event hosted at your site or online.



Live Training by Request

Facilitated on-site at your school, school district, or education agency



Virtual Training by Request

Delivered online through a videoconference platform

Learn about earthquakes as a natural hazard and how your school can comprehensively protect the whole school community from, prevent additional emergencies from occurring after, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from earthquakes. Generally, an earthquake can occur almost anywhere in the United States, at any time of year, and at any time of the day or night. According to the [U.S. Geological Survey](#), [42 states have a “reasonable chance”](#) of having damaging ground shaking from an earthquake. Therefore, it is essential for everyone, regardless of where they live or work, to be prepared for earthquakes, including what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. This training covers how to develop an Earthquake Annex and other related annexes in your [school emergency operations plan](#) (EOP). Below, you will find information about each synchronous training format.

	Live Training by Request	Virtual Training by Request
Duration	8 hours	4 hours
Number of participants	25 minimum 100 maximum	25 minimum 475 maximum

Mitigation Activities

To eliminate or reduce the loss of life and property from earthquakes, consider:

<p>1. Non-structural mitigation of all school buildings (fewest resources needed)</p>	<p>2. Structural mitigation of all buildings on campus, including classrooms, athletic (more ne</p>	<p>3. School location (most resources</p>
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Impact on Schools

Earthquake effects on schools:

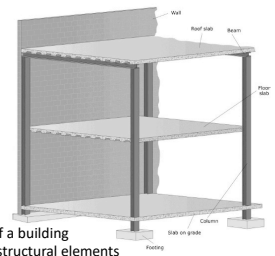
- Injuries and deaths
- Damage to school buildings
- Destruction of school equipment and other contents
- Disruption of district and school services



ShakeOut Resources

Structural Mitigation

- 2. Structural mitigation** focuses on the building components whose primary function is to support the building.



TRAINING OBJECTIVES

During this course, participants will

- Understand why earthquakes are dangerous and how they can impact schools and communities, including through cascading/secondary effects;
- Work in small groups to discuss the courses of action that need to be taken when planning for an earthquake;

- Describe preparedness activities that can help protect their school(s) before, during, and after an earthquake; and
- Identify where to go for more resources.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- School district and school administrators, educators, and staff;
- Members of an EOP planning team;
- Community partners, such as fire officials and emergency medical services personnel.

NEXT STEPS

APPLY

Complete and submit the Training by Request Host Site Application form to info@remstacenter.org at least 45 days prior to the requested training date. You will receive an email notification acknowledging receipt of the application within 3 days of applying. If you do not receive this, please contact the Help Desk at (855) 781-7367 [REMS] or info@remstacenter.org.

AWAIT CONFIRMATION

The REMS TA Center and the U.S. Department of Education review the application. If it is approved, we will send an email with documents attached, including a Host Site Agreement and Planning Checklist. If the application is not approved, we will send an email with instructions for resubmittal.