



# 2008 “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” Earthquake Drill San Francisco Bay Area Schools (K–12)

Oct. 21, 2008, 10 AM

**It's Free!! Sign up at: [1868alliance.org/prepare/drill](http://1868alliance.org/prepare/drill)**

When earthquake shaking begins . . .

## Drop, Cover, and Hold



Take cover under a sturdy desk or table, hold on to the desk or table leg so that the desk or table stays on top of you, and keep your head down until the shaking stops.

- \* 1st Annual “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” Bay Area earthquake drill.
- \* 20-second drill to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the 1868 Hayward earthquake.
- \* Offers unique educational opportunities.
- \* Increases awareness about earthquakes and preparedness.
- \* Reminds students how to be safe in the event of an earthquake.
- \* Downloadable video will be available for participants.
- \* KPIX (CBS) will co-sponsor event.



## Why commemorate the 140th anniversary?

October 21, 2008 marks the 140th anniversary of the 1868 Hayward earthquake, which was the first great “San Francisco earthquake” and one of the most damaging earthquakes in the nation’s history. The average interval between the past five large earthquakes on the Hayward Fault is 140 years. Which means this earthquake on the Hayward Fault can occur at any time!!

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