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## **Compton College Set to ‘ShakeOut’ on October 19 to Help Students Prepare for an Earthquake**

At 10:19 a.m. on October 19, Compton College will join millions of people nationwide in practicing the drop, cover and hold on technique during the Great ShakeOut earthquake drill. This is one of the largest earthquake drills in the United States and the ninth consecutive year that Compton College has participated. The recent magnitude 7.1 quake near Mexico City is a sobering reminder that earthquakes can happen anywhere people work, live or travel. Practicing how to take earthquake-safe action when seconds count can save lives and prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.

The Police Department at Compton College will help coordinate this event on campus. On the morning of October 19, an alert will sound and those who are inside should remain indoors, while those who are outside should remain outdoors. All students and employees will then practice how to: Drop to the ground, Take Cover under a sturdy object, and Hold On as if a major earthquake were happening.

Compton College will also take advantage of this drill as an opportunity to carry out its evacuation plan. When given notice, participants on campus will be led outside to designated assembly areas where an emergency responder will provide further directions, ending with instructions to return to the buildings.

ShakeOut drills create the sense of urgency that is needed for people, organizations, and communities to get prepared, to practice what to do to be safe, and to learn what plans need to be improved. The Great ShakeOut began in 2008 in Southern California as an effort by scientists and emergency managers to inform the public about earthquake preparedness. Today, millions of people participate in the International Shakeout Day of Action each October.

For more information, contact the Police Department at Compton College at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2790. General information about the event and helpful earthquake safety resources are available at [www.ShakeOut.org](http://www.ShakeOut.org).

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## **Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill at Compton College 2-2-2-2**

### **About Compton College**

Compton College is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Compton College is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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