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## Join Universal Protection Service As They Prepare for the Great ShakeOut

### Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety

**SANTA ANA, Calif. (November 1, 2008)** – Scientists now agree that the likelihood of a major earthquake (magnitude of 6.7 or higher) hitting Southern California within the next 30 years is almost inevitable. Such an event could have a catastrophic impact on our future, but with proper preparation we can avoid some of the destruction. To create awareness, the Earthquake Country Alliance developed “The Great Southern California ShakeOut,” an enormous earthquake drill to take place on Nov. 13, 2008. Universal Protection Service will join millions of others as they participate in the drill, and practice proper techniques in the event of a massive earthquake.

Get organized with us—visit <http://www.shakeout.org> and take these seven protective steps:

- 1. Identify and fix potential hazards in homes, office and schools:**
  - ✓ Anchor appliances, furniture, hanging objects and cabinet doors
  - ✓ Cover windows with mylar film or replace with safety glass
  - ✓ Know where and how to turn off your water, gas and electricity
- 2. Design a disaster plan**—make lists of “What to Prepare” and “What to Learn and Practice.”
- 3. Create disaster plan supply kits:**
  - ✓ **Personal disaster kits:** walking shoes, medication, out-of-state emergency contact numbers, cash, vital documents and personal hygiene supplies
  - ✓ **Household disaster kits:** radio, flashlight, batteries, two-weeks supply of bottled water, canned food, whistle, cooking fuel, medical supplies, blankets, tools, pet supplies and warm clothing
- 4. Fix any structural weaknesses:**
  - ✓ Inadequate foundations, first stories and unbraced walls
  - ✓ Compromised masonry and vulnerable pipes
- 5. During earthquakes and aftershocks:**
  - ✓ **Indoors:** Drop, cover and hold on
  - ✓ **Outdoors:** Move clear of buildings, power lines and trees
  - ✓ **Driving:** Pull over to a safe spot away from structures
  - ✓ **Stadiums:** Stay in your seat
- 6. After the shaking stops,** check for injuries requiring immediate attention.
- 7. Once safe, follow your disaster plan.**

For additional security tips, go to [http://www.universalpro.com/Security\\_Tips\\_11-30-05.htm](http://www.universalpro.com/Security_Tips_11-30-05.htm)

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