



AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE, DO NOT: X

- ◆ Do not light a match or turn on a light switch, instead use a flashlight
- ◆ Do not touch fallen power lines or electrical wires
- ◆ Do not use the telephone except for emergency purposes only
- ◆ Do not go to the beach to watch for giant sea waves
- ◆ Do not go sightseeing! Instead leave the streets clear for emergency and rescue workers
- ◆ Do not attempt to move seriously injured persons

AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE, DO: ✓

- ◆ Listen to your teacher and obey her instruction
- ◆ Stay away from buildings or anything that may fall on you
- ◆ Drink water that has been boiled or treated until told that the water is safe
- ◆ Beware of fires. This often occurs after an earthquake

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EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS FOR CHILDREN





WHAT IS AN EARTHQUAKE?

An earthquake is a sudden shaking of the earth caused by breaking and shifting of rocks beneath the earth's surface. Jamaica is in an Earthquake zone and will experience earthquakes every now and then.

When an earthquake occurs buildings can collapse and the earth can crack open.

There are no warnings for when an earthquake is going to occur. The earth begins to tremble and in a few seconds buildings, bridges, roads, homes, etc. can be totally destroyed.

WHEN YOU FEEL AN EARTHQUAKE

If you are inside your house you will feel it shaking. If you are outside you will feel the ground shaking too!

Wherever you are try to protect yourself and stay calm.

Be prepared for aftershocks

If in a car, stay there, ask your parents to park in an open area or pull to the side of the road and stop.

Keep away from fallen buildings and electrical wires.

An earthquake is a **SERIOUS THING**



If you are in school, get under your desk **IMMEDIATELY**, hold on to your desk and try to remain quiet and calm. When the shaking stops your teacher will instruct you to go outside into an open field in an orderly manner.