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Floor Warden Training

Earthquake Safety
Earthquakes

• The following video illustrates what to do and where to take cover during an earthquake:
  – Earthquake Video (2 Minutes)
Drop* Cover *Hold

• If you are indoors and you feel an earthquake starting, stay calm and:
  – Take cover under a sturdy desk or table and hold on
  – If there are no tables nearby, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner or interior wall (see figure B on the right)
Classroom / Lecture Theatre

- If you are in a classroom or lecture theatre when an earthquake starts:
  
  **Get under the Tables**
  
  **Crouch between the Seats**
  
  **Always Cover your Head & Neck**
Hazards

- Move away from overhead hazards
  - Ceiling mounted projectors
  - Stay away from glass, windows or anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or furniture
Earthquake Safety

• Stay inside until the shaking stops and it is safe to go outside
  – *Most injuries during earthquakes occur when people are hit by falling objects when entering into or exiting from buildings*
  – Count to 60 before attempting to exit. If you feel any aftershocks start your count again
Outside During an Earthquake

- If you are outside – stay outside
- Do not enter buildings unless you have been advised that they are safe
- Watch for hazards – power lines, trees, fires, gas leaks....
Floor Wardens

- Assist with providing leadership and guidance on earthquake procedures and when it’s safe to do so help facilitate the evacuation of your building
- Report any pertinent information about injuries, individuals requiring assistance, and hazardous situations to the Building Emergency Director
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