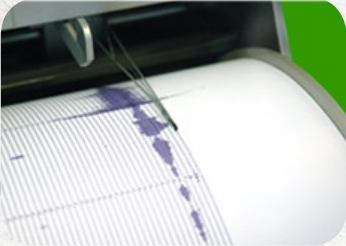


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Ready for "The Big One?"



Last year we had 267 earthquakes—more than twice the number of the year before, according to data from Caltech and the US Geological Survey. If that's not enough, a new study by UC Irvine warned that we could soon be due for "the big one." While we can't know for sure, one thing is certain: It's smart to be prepared. Here, the

experts at CommuteSmart.info offer some tips for getting to and from work should a quake shake up your normal route.

- Keep handy a list of alternate routes between home and work, including one that takes you only on surface streets.
- Keep an emergency kit in your car's trunk with spare shoes, water, a flashlight, non-perishable food, a first-aid kit and any other essentials.
- Talk to your employer now about telecommuting. Many work sites that don't usually allow employees to work at home make exceptions in crisis conditions, so find out the best ways to keep in touch with the main work site.
- Make a habit of carpooling or vanpooling to work. In case of an emergency, two heads are better than one.
- Even if you're not ready to rideshare right now, keep a list of your options. With disrupted communication, it could become a whole lot harder to set up carpools or find a bus route after a quake. Go to CommuteSmart.info to get a list of potential carpool partners, bus and rail itineraries and more.



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