

Where were you on August 23, 2011?



**If you live in DC,
you remember.**

The earthquake came to the DC area as a great surprise. The region was not considered an earthquake zone and many experienced their first shake, rattle & roll. And, even worse, they didn't have a plan.

"A magnitude-5.8 earthquake, centered nine miles south of Mineral, Va., struck the East Coast on Aug. 23 at 1:51 p.m., according to the U.S. Geological Survey"
- local newspaper headline

GSA recommends you develop a comprehensive plan that covers what you will do in the event of the different kinds of emergencies your center may encounter— even events you do not normally experience.

See Child Care Provider Toolbox for planning tools:

http://www.gsa.gov/graphics/pbs/Child_Care_Emergency_Preparedness_Toolbox.pdf

I was on the third floor of an office building in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. When the building began to shake, rattle and roll, none of us in the meeting knew what to do or what was happening. Not a good picture of how to respond to a possible life threatening event. To make matters worse, the instructions we received over the building broadcast system did not provide the type of information that would prevent serious injury.

- Leo Bonner, GSA

October 17

**Where will you be on
October 17, 2013?**

**The day of the
Great Shake-Out!**

Please register for the Great Shakeout Drill on October 17, 2013. Practice with the world with the over 11.9 million who are already registered. Thank you to the many of you who participated in this event last year. We know now that earthquakes can occur anywhere and everywhere. Visit their website to register and for planning resources.

<http://www.shakeout.org/>