

Upgrade Your School's Earthquake Safety at No Cost

*Money Available for Quick and Easy Improvements
To School Facilities*

Are you ready for the earthquakes that are coming to Missouri? Scientists say it's a matter of when, not if, damaging earthquakes will hit our state, because of the New Madrid Seismic Zone that's centered in the Bootheel. About 200 small earthquakes occur here every year, and one of these days there will be a big one. When it hits, will your school be ready to protect your students and staff?



Many lifesaving improvements can be made quickly and easily, and now you can get the improvements done at no cost! Federal money is available to qualifying schools through the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, along with federal and state emergency management agencies.

Most injuries and damages from earthquakes in the U.S. are from falling objects, not collapsed buildings. That's why these funds are used for simple, non-structural improvements. Typical work includes bolting bookcases to walls, securing water heaters, anchoring overhead lights, installing window glazing and securing gas lines. The work can be done quickly and easily in most cases.

No local matching funds are required for these projects, and technical assistance is available to determine the improvements needed at your school. To get started, you must simply request funding through the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency.

Please take advantage of this simple, no-cost way to make your school safer in an earthquake!

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