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Earthquake: Are You *Ready Lowcountry*?

Earthquake Preparedness Workshop Thursday, Oct. 29

Earthquakes strike suddenly, violently and without warning. After a major earthquake, electricity, water and gas may be out of service. Emergency aid may not reach you for several days.

While you can not predict when an earthquake will occur, you can plan in advance and identify potential hazards ahead of time to reduce the dangers that may cause serious injury or loss of life.

As a part of the *Ready Lowcountry* campaign, Charleston County's [Emergency Management Department](#) has teamed up with the [South Carolina Earthquake Education and Preparedness \(SCEEP\) program](#) to offer an earthquake preparedness workshop from 6 – 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Charleston County Emergency Operations Center located in the Charleston County Public Services Building (third floor, room 339) at 4045 Bridge View Drive in North Charleston.

“South Carolina is home to one of the most active earthquake-producing regions in North America. The center of a 25 by 15-mile oval, known as the Middleton Place-Summerville Seismic Zone, lies about twenty-two miles northwest of Charleston,” said James Tarter, Charleston County's Emergency Management Training Coordinator. “Unlike hurricanes, the arrival date, time and intensity of an earthquake can't be predicted. That's why residents have to get prepared now.”

Tarter will be joined at the workshop by Dr. Steve Jaume of the [College of Charleston's Geology Department](#).

To register for the workshop, contact James Tarter at (843) 202-7405 or jtarter@charlestoncounty.org.

Ready Lowcountry

The [Ready Lowcountry](#) campaign is a localization of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's national [Ready campaign](#) aimed to provide local information, resources and education to help citizens prepare for all types of hazards.

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