

EARTHQUAKE DRILL

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Has anyone every participated in an earthquake drill? If so, I would specifically like to know what instructions were given to our jurors in the assembly room/lounge and those assigned to a courtroom (in the voir dire process or sworn jurors).

I know what instructions we should be giving to our staff....but what do we do with our jurors?

1	Deb Preston	Marin, I'm not sure what instructions are given in the courtrooms since they are two floors below the JAR. However, for jurors assembled in here, we advise them daily during orientation to exit the building and assemble at the entrance to the large parking lot west of the building. We will then print a pool jurors list and will call roll at some point, to make certain everyone has exited the building safely.
2	Shana Simpson	Sacramento has done emergency building evacuation drills but not an earthquake drill. For building evacuations we instruct the jurors to follow jury and/or court staff out of the building to the jury parking lot located directly across from the courthouse.
3	Robyn Samuelson	Orange Court – we instruct our jurors during our orientation as follows: Emergency Exit doors are located on my left hand side. If you have any special needs or need special assistance in the event of an emergency, please alert a staff member in the Jury Assembly Room. In the event of an earthquake, please remain calm. If seated, stay in your chair and protect your head and neck with your hands. If possible, take cover under a table. Stay clear of any windows. Please do not evacuate the building unless instructed to do so. If you are in a courtroom during an emergency, please follow the instructions given to you but the bailiff or courtroom attendant in that courtroom.
4	Pat Kilkenny	San Francisco we tell the jurors during orientation that in the event of any emergency, they are to remain where they are and follow the instructions of the staff or bailiff. WE also tell how to exit the room and where to assemble if an evacuation is necessary. In the courtroom, they are told the same thing and are told which specific emergency exits to use.
5	Dolores Curiel	We don't give instructions on this in Merced.