

AFTER A LARGE EARTHQUAKE



EXPECT AFTERSHOCKS.

Each time you feel an aftershock, **DROP**, **COVER** and **HOLD**. This is the safest action to take in an earthquake. Do not run outside after an earthquake.



HELP OTHERS AROUND YOU.

Check on your neighbours.

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

from emergency services.

SHELTER IN PLACE.

If it is safe to do so, stay in your house, hotel or accommodation. Do not drive. Leave roads clear for emergency vehicles.

WORK TOGETHER.

Do your best to make the area around you is safe. For example, clean up broken glass and fallen items. Clear away any hazards. Share resources and work together.

DO NOT GO TO THE AIRPORT.

The airport will need to undergo runway and building checks before it can re-open.



TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

Power, internet, and mobile phones will likely all be down. It may be days or weeks before these are restored.



MEDICAL EMERGENCY.

If you have a minor injury, such as a small cut or abrasion, apply first aid. Do not go to the hospital for minor injuries. If you have a major medical emergency, present yourself to a medical centre, hospital, or emergency services worker. Only phone emergency services (111) if it is life threatening. Phone lines may not be working.

DRIVING.

You will not be able to drive out of town. Queenstown and Wānaka will be cut off from each other, as well as cut off from the rest of the South Island due to multiple landslides. You will not be able to drive the Devil's Staircase, Kawarau Gorge, Crown Range, Lindis Pass, or Cromwell Gorge. These roads will be closed.

HELP WILL ARRIVE IN QUEENSTOWN LAKES.

But it may take a few days. The emergency response will be working as quickly as possible. The first priority is life-saving support to those who need it most.

This is a difficult time for everyone. Be patient and work together. We will get through.



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