



FACT Sheet

EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS WEEK 2014

Schedule of Events for Earthquake Awareness Week, January 12-18, 2014

“Earthquake Safety: Know your vulnerability to improve your capacity”

Jamaica’s location along the northern margin of the Caribbean Plate and the presence of very active faults on the island makes it very vulnerable to earthquakes. To create greater awareness of this threat to the country the Office of Disaster preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) will be observing Earthquake Awareness Week activities on January 12-18, 2014.

A series of activities have been planned to commemorate the Week, aimed at increasing the general awareness of the Jamaican public to the importance of preparing for an earthquake, a threat that can occur at any time.

1. All Island Church Service

Sunday, January 12, 2014 & Saturday, January 18, 2014

A National Service will not be held this year, instead an appeal will be made to churches across the island to support the initiative by way of reading an earthquake message and providing earthquake information to their respective congregation.

2. Press Conference/Launch of Earthquake Awareness Week 2014

Monday, January 13, 2014- 9.30 am

Minister Noel Ascott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development and the Director General ODPEM will address stakeholder agencies. Presentations from the Earthquake Unit, University of the West Indies, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) and the Jamaica Fire Brigade also forms part of the day’s agenda.

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- 3. Earthquake Awareness Week 2014 Supplement**
The Gleaner and The Jamaica Observer
Tuesday January 14, 2014
The content which is funded through the kind support of corporate partners will provide readers with information about the organization's existing technological and operational advancements, safety tips, photographs and research articles.
- 4. Earthquake Awareness Day in Schools**
Wednesday January 15, 2014
- 5. Earthquake Awareness Day for Businesses**
Thursday January 16, 2014
- 6. Open Day**
Friday January 17, 2014
ODPEM Car Park
2-4 Haining Road
 - i. Open Day at ODPEM Office
 - ii. Media Marathon
 - iii. Exhibition of the ODPEM & partner agency services
 - iv. Tour of the ODPEM
- 7. Seventh Day Adventist Church**
Saturday, January 18, 2014
Seventh Day Adventist Churches will share earthquake message and providing earthquake information to their respective congregation.