

# ***EARTHQUAKE***

Mount Vernon School District's procedure for earthquakes follows the State of Washington's "Drop, Cover, and Hold" procedures.

- ◆ In the event of an earthquake:
  - Keep calm & remain where you are unless you are:
    - In a stairway,
    - In an elevator,
    - On a walkway close to or under buildings.Seek shelter away from these areas.
- ◆ If you are indoors, stay indoors. Take shelter under your desk, a table, near an inside wall, a corner, and around building columns—do not rush for an exit. Stay away from windows, glass walls, bookcases, objects that can fall or outside doors. After the shaking subsides, go to one of the designated Emergency Assembly Points. Keep clear of street lights and power lines.
- ◆ Elevators should not be used during or after an earthquake due to possible damage.
- ◆ If you are outdoors, stay there and move to a clear area away from trees, signs or buildings until the quake subsides. After the shaking subsides, go to one of the designated Emergency Assembly Points. Keep clear of street lights and power lines.
- ◆ Do not attempt to enter or leave a building during a quake.
- ◆ Do not re-enter buildings until advised by an appropriate authority.
- ◆ Try to notify Building Administrator of serious hazards or injuries.
- ◆ Tend to the injured and protect them from further injury or weather exposure.
- ◆ Use phones only to get help (injury, fire).
  - Call **911** for emergencies
  - For internal reporting and notification purposes, contact **School Emergency Number: 5555**

Due to the many people attempting to call others, it is expected that phone lines will be busy and may, in fact, be overwhelmed. Keep the frequency of calls to a minimum and as short as possible.