

DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON

VERSUS

'THE TRIANGLE OF LIFE'

The Emergency Program gets many requests each year for feedback on a never ending email stating that the new protocol for earthquakes is the “*Triangle of Life*” (TOL). Doug Copp the advocate of TOL is a self professed “expert” in earthquake rescue. Although there is little evidence that his claims are true, he professes that based on his bogus Engineering degree and experiments that his TOL theory is more effective than the “**Drop, Cover and Hold On**” instructions that are given by the authorities here in British Columbia.

Mr. Copp has been discredited by many of the professional urban search and rescue teams, none of Copp’s multitude of claims of leading search and rescue efforts, saving lives and spending hours underground can be substantiated.

Official rescue teams, supported by officials in British Columbia, who have been dispatched to the scene of disasters around the world, continue to advocate use of the internationally recognized “**Drop, Cover and Hold On**” protocol to protect lives during earthquakes:

DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you)

Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table and,

HOLD ON to it until the ground stops shaking.

Studies show from recent earthquakes that you are most likely to be hit by a falling object rather than a collapsed building. “**Drop Cover and Hold**” on offers the best protection in most situations.

DO NOT get in a doorway!

In modern houses and buildings doorways are no safer as they do not protect you from flying or falling objects nor the possibility of the door smashing in on you. Get under a table instead.

DO NOT run outside!

You can easily fall or be injured by debris and glass as the grounds moving.

Running outside is especially dangerous as glass, brick or other building components may be falling.