

Earthquake Evacuation Advice for Geography

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Be Prepared:

Identify safe zones in your work area that provide shelter from falling objects until the shaking has stopped: under desks, between rows of chairs, or down beside an internal wall.

Keep essential personal items such as keys, cell phone, wallet/purse, glasses, medications, with you at all times.

Once the shaking has stopped:

Keep calm, expect aftershocks.

Evacuate if: the area is immediately threatened; the power is out; the shaking was severe and prolonged; the alarm is sounding; you are instructed to leave; you have any doubts about your safety. If injured or trapped call for help or Security on 6111 or 0800 823 637 – UC Search and Rescue will check all buildings/rooms/lifts as soon as possible.

If not, stop work, do the following checks, and be prepared to evacuate – a universal decision may take some time to be communicated.

- Check that others in your vicinity are OK - if someone is injured or trapped give first aid and call UC Security on 6111 or 0800 823 637, or in person.
- Check for signs of fire or structural damage – trigger the alarm if necessary.
- Check on family by text message rather than by phone, and if possible collect essential personal items.

If evacuating, leave as quickly as possible by the safest route.

- Use stairs not lifts, and be alert for falling glass or masonry at EXITS.
- Move away from buildings and from the centre of campus towards open space and the closest earthquake evacuation area. [For Geography this is the green space around the Fine Arts Car Park off Arts Road](#) (see excerpt from campus map below).
- Stay with others from your work group, or if you decide to leave then let them know.
- If necessary, go to the UC emergency assembly area in **Ilam Fields** via Clyde Road> Creyke Road> Ilam Road, or leave to check on family or property.

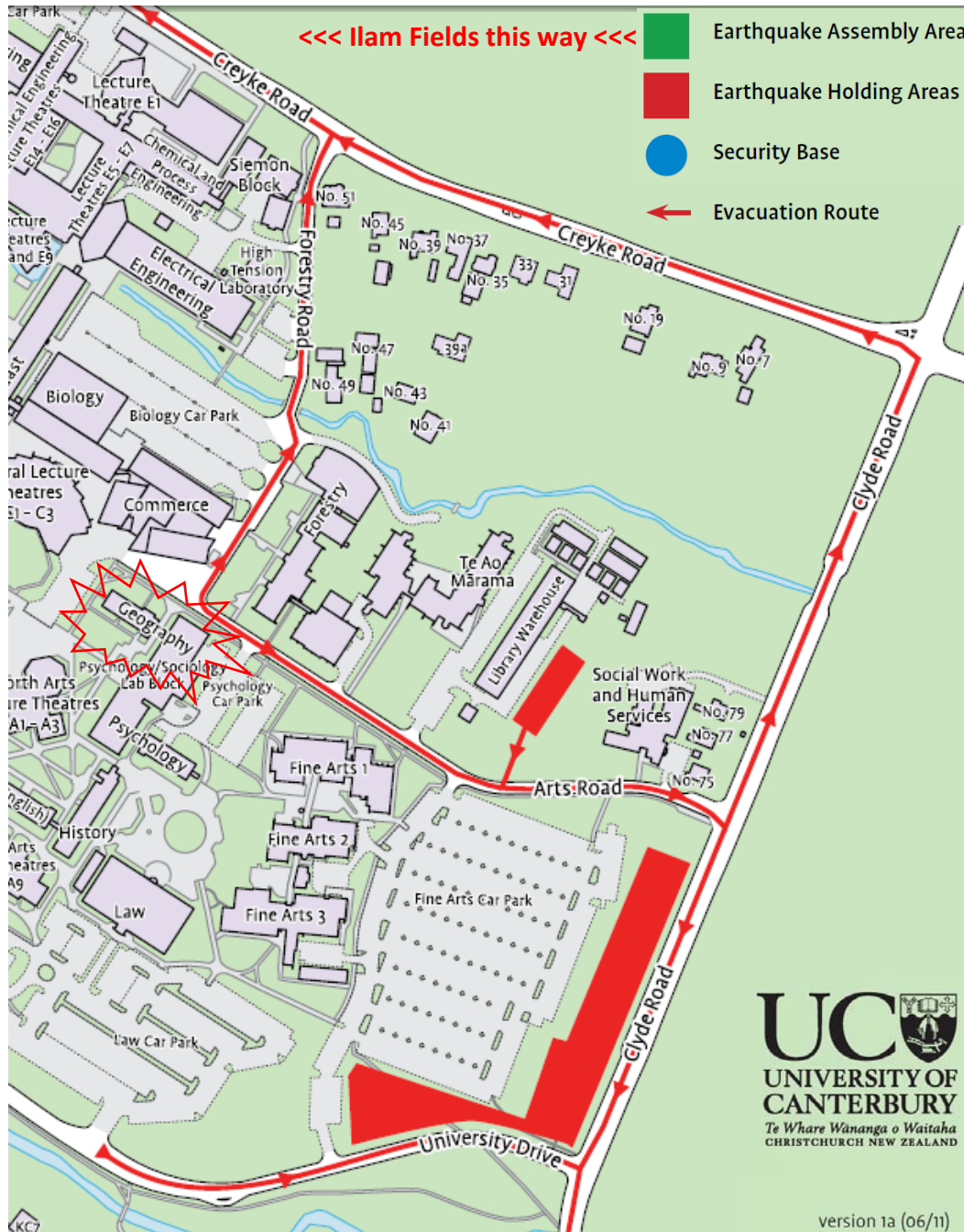
If in doubt, get out.

Notes:

Magnitude alone is not a reliable indicator of when to evacuate, as distance, depth, and duration all combine to different effect, and in many cases are not known until well after the shake.

If you have a radio, listen to NewstalkZB 1098AM for emergency updates.

For more on UC aftershock procedures, see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/emergency/>.



Geography earthquake evacuation map, full campus map is available online at UC Emergency Management http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/emergency/documents/assembly_map.pdf