

Earthquake Awareness Week

Earthquake Awareness Week will be recognized during the week of January 9-15, 2010.

The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) is planning various activities and workshops to mark the Week, which is aimed at increasing the general awareness of the Jamaican public to the importance of preparing for an earthquake. The theme for this year is "Learn, Plan, Prepare...the next big quake could be near!"

Overview of some of the activities planned: National and regional church services to mark the start of Earthquake Awareness Week; Earthquake Awareness supplements in major local newspapers; Earthquake awareness days and schools and places of business; Tsunami Workshop for tourism sector.

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. For more information visit the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management website at ODPEM.org.jm.