



# Earthquake Emergency **Protocol**

# Villa Caritas & San Pedro Schools

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We share some safety and injury protection considerations for our schools in case of earthquakes. It is important that all of our educational community know all of our politics & provisions, in case the need arises.

## Geographical Considerations

***Our schools are built on live rock. In this sense, our first ally is the strong soil.***

### a. Prevention in the design of our schools.

- Before construction began, there was a technical inspection by Civil Defense Services.
- Two of the most prestigious architect firms in Lima, who implemented the construction standards for Peru after the 1966, 1970 and 1974 earthquakes, designed both schools.
- The construction of the schools took place by specialized builders who take in large-scale projects.
- The hillsides surrounding the buildings have a platform system built with the sole purpose of containing some random loose stones from falling down.

### b. Prevention in the operation

- We conduct at least ten earthquake drills annually, which are programmed for different times of the day with the objective that all personnel and students understand how to behave and where to go in case if an earthquake.
- Students would be on safe ground in a matter of seconds because of the building structures, number of students in the sections of the buildings, the designs in entrances and exits and the speed of evacuation procedures.
- We have nurses and brigade squads (fires, first aid, evacuation, search and rescue) to handle any situation that may occur.

### c. External control

Schools, due to their nature and size, are legally subject to two levels of security controls: one of them is a basic one, which is carried out at the municipal level control, and The other one is performed by Metropolitan Lima Civil Defense, which is called "detail control". This last type of control annually checks the construction systems, security, safety devices, signage, electric installations, wiring and fire control systems for standard of the law response

# Emergency Protocols in the event of an Earthquake

## How do we prepare our schools in the event of an Earthquake?



**1** When listening to the siren, teachers and students evacuate to the area of the circles and safety signaling.



**2** The teacher carries an envelope, which includes:  
- A list of the names of the classroom parents, email, phone numbers and emergency authorized contact persons allowed to pick up students.  
- Round paddles (green and red)  
**Green:** Signaling all students are in place  
**Red:** Open signal. When a student is missing



**3** Students stay in the pre-established safety zone until the earthquake and emergency sirens stop.



**4** Tutors and assigned people will be responsible for their group of students and will wait until the last student is picked up from the assigned area.

If a student is in a workshop or outside of the classroom (library, swimming pool, gymnasium, fields ) be assured he/she will be accompanied by a teacher or staff member in charge and will be directed to an assigned safety zone.

## How to proceed in an emergency situation?

### Handling Emergencies

- If the earthquake is low intensity, the siren will shut down and everyone will return to their classrooms, resuming with regular activities
- If the earthquake is severe, or of serious consideration and classes are suspended, we will notify the parents for the pick-up of the students. The evacuation procedure will happen as follows:

#### Evacuation Process. Yellow Alert

Entrance through Huron Street and exit through Winnipeg Street. (as normally done).

The vehicle entry will be carried out gradually according to the parking capacity.

#### Pick-up

PS: Cancha sintética de PS.  
ES SP: Capilla central.  
MS y HS SP: Patio de la Piedra.  
ES, MS y HS VC: Jardín de HS-VC.

#### Red Alert: Evacuation Process

Entrance through Huron Street, only for VC vehicles and exit on Winnipeg Street.

Recoger a los alumnos en :

#### Pick up students on:

PS : Jardín aula San Pablo (VC)  
VC : Jardín HS (VC)  
SP : Jardín-Pista atlética (VC)

- Parents, or the people they previously choose to pick up their children, should go straight to the tutor or member of the staff in charge of the area. The chosen person should show ID.
- Leave as soon as possible to make it easy for other parents to access. Wait patiently until your vehicle can enter, depending on parking capacity.
- Follow security staff instructions

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## c. In case there is an earthquake during entry or pick-up time at school

- 1 Stop or turn off your car. Walk to the center of the parking lot or to a safe place immediately.
- 2 After a severe earthquake, go to your children, wherever you are. Patio de la Piedra ( SP ) or Jardin de High School in (VC).
- 3 Remain there until we make sure that streets are clear.

**Schools are big, open and safe spaces.  
You do not need to arrive or leave in a rush**

## d. If your child is visiting the school or in a field trip

- Get in touch with the school delegates. The school will keep you informed.
- Students must remain in a safe place under assigned teachers.
- Communicate with them via text messages

## e. When students are transported in vehicles

### Low intensity Earthquake

In case there is a low intensity earthquake, the student transportation will follow through with their regular routine unless the school decides to bring forward the time to let go of the students, and there should be notification to operators

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#### a. When transportation is not available with the students:

Students will remain at the school, waiting to be picked up by one of the parents.

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## b. When the students are inside the school transportation:

- **Inside School Buildings:**

School transportation should park in a safe place, students need to go to the nearest safe point and remain there until you receive new orders from the school staff in charge of security.

- **On the Road. Outside School Property**

School transportation should park in a safe place and move on as soon as possible. Parents will be notified about the meeting points. The person in charge of school transportation will remain with the students until their parents pick them up.

## How do we get in touch with each other?

a. We have acquired software that will allow us to send predetermined text messages (SMS) in case of very strong earthquakes that need to be communicated. This way, we will always be in touch providing information about the situation of your children.



b. It is important to know as a family who picks up who

c. Have messages ready like "We are ok. Let's get together in..."

d. Do not listen to rumors. Pay attention to official information

e. Pay close attention to upcoming news

f. The school will get in touch with the parents in case of an emergency and will obey the instructions of the education Minister

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## What should we do as parents?

- Provide instructions for your children on how to behave in case an earthquake hits while they are not home. Reinforce the idea of School Safety and that you will take some time to arrive for pick up.
- Do not rush. Do not expose yourself to an accident in the city in the midst of chaos. Students will remain safe in the school under supervised care by a member of our staff until parents arrive to pick up the students.
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- Students will remain in safety assigned areas. In case there is an emergency, the school will get parents in touch with a designated person in charge.



### Emergency hotline

#### Bomberos:

116  
3680733  
3680254  
2220232

#### Policía:

105  
3681789  
3681871

#### Defensa Civil:

110  
2259898  
4756000

#### Cruz Roja:

115  
2688109

**Serenazgo La Molina:** 01 4792266