

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### Will there be aftershocks?

Yes, we have recorded aftershocks following the 6.9 event. Please note that aftershocks can be strong and one must stay calm and Drop, Cover and Hold on (DCH) until the shaking stops.

### How long was the event?

Based on felt reports the shaking lasted for approximately 90 seconds.

### Are we under a tsunami warning?

No. A tsunami warning was sent out after the event. This warning was sent as part of the procedure that is in place for such large magnitude events. There was no threat to any of the islands or mainland Venezuela.

### Why are there different magnitudes being reported?

Different monitoring agencies use different systems for determining magnitude. As such there are different types of reported magnitudes, with different values. This apparent discrepancy is, therefore, expected and acceptable to scientists with each agency's value being correct in its own context.

### What is the safest thing to do during an earthquake?

- **STAY CALM. DO NOT PANIC. BE ALERT.**
- If inside stay inside, do not run out of the building as you may be injured by falling debris.
- If inside, **DROP, COVER and HOLD ON** until the shaking stops. Get under a sturdy desk, table or bed and hold on or stand in a strong doorway. **DO NOT USE ELEVATORS OR STAIRS.**
- Move away from windows, mirrors, glass doors, pictures, bookcases, hanging plants and heavy objects.
- If outside and there are no obvious signs of danger nearby, stay there.
- If outside, stay away from glass buildings, electricity poles and bridges.
- If in a vehicle, do not stop on or under a bridge.
- Always look out for falling plaster, bricks, lighting fixtures and other objects.



### Where was the earthquake felt?

It was felt as far north as Dominica, as far West as Colombia and as far south as Guyana.