

Breaking news new zealand earthquake

Thousands of people have reported feeling shaking from an earthquake near Wellington early this morning.

By 6.10am, more than 37,000 people had reported feeling the earthquake on GeoNet's website.

The shaking was "strong", GeoNet said, adding on X: "Another reminder that earthquakes can occur anywhere in New Zealand at any time.

"In the event of a large earthquake: Drop, Cover and Hold.

"If you are in bed, Stay, Cover and Hold.

"If an earthquake is Long or Strong: Get Gone."

Fire and Emergency (FENZ) and police both confirmed to 1News that they hadn't received any earthquake-related call-outs.

In a statement, Wellington Region Emergency Management (WREMA) said NEMA has advised there is no tsunami threat.

"Councils, emergency services and utilities are conducting checks," the statement said. "As daylight comes teams will have a better idea of any further impacts."

Rail lines in the area will be shut for inspections "as per their normal process", the statement said, urging people to check Metlink for the latest updates.

The Metlink website showed widespread cancellations this morning.

There were no apparent impacts on state highways, no reported power outages and no reported water outages.

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