You live in Earthquake Country

In the past 150 years, nearly 40 earthquakes of magnitude 6 or larger have affected Northern California. Most of these earthquakes were centered on faults nearby. But very large earthquakes located elsewhere in the Pacific basin, like the 1964 magnitude 9.2 Alaska earthquake can generate tsunamis that threaten our coast.

**ALL AREAS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HAVE EXPERIENCED EARTHQUAKES IN THE PAST AND WILL DO SO AGAIN IN THE FUTURE**

Since 1900, nearly 40 earthquakes of M 6 or larger have occurred in California north of Santa Rosa and in the adjacent offshore areas.

Most earthquakes occur at or near plate boundaries. The motion of these plates stress faults through Northern California.