

Big One could leave 250,000+ quake refugees in Calif.



People walk toward the Ferry Building on Market Street after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Photo/Library of Congress

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When a catastrophic earthquake hits California, buildings will topple and potentially hundreds could be killed.

But what gets less attention is the wrenching aftermath of such a huge temblor, which could leave whole neighborhoods torched by fires uninhabitable and hundreds of thousands of people without a home.

Officials are grappling with where all these quake refugees would go.

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