

Earthquake Emergency Response Plan

Before an Earthquake

- Keep an emergency kit in an easy-to-access location.
- Make a family communication plan.
- Fasten shelves.
- Place heavy or fragile objects down low.
- Store any breakables securely.
- Keep a flashlight near the bed.
- Secure your furniture to the walls and floor.
- Learn how to turn off the gas and watervaults in your home.
- Store any flammables in closed cabinets.
- Locate safe spots in each room under a table or against an inside wall.
- Exercise an earthquake drill: Drop, cover and hold on.

During an Earthquake

- Drop, cover and hold on.
- If indoors:
 - Drop to the ground, take Cover under something sturdy, wait until the shaking is over.
 - Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls or anything that could fall or shatter.
 - If you are in bed move to a safe place.
 - Avoid using inside doorways.
 - Stay in until the shaking stops then leave if necessary, DON'T try to exit during the shaking.
 - DO NOT use elevators.
 - Be aware that the fire alarms may turn on.
- If Outdoors:
 - Stay outside.
 - Move away from buildings.
 - Once in the open stay put until the shaking stops.
- If in Moving Vehicle:
 - Stop as quick and safe as possible and stay in the vehicle.
 - Proceed with caution, avoid bridges or other buildings that might be damaged.
- If Trapped Under Debris:
 - Do not light a match.
 - Try not to move too much.
 - Cover your mouth with a cloth.
 - Tap on something so rescuers can locate you. Use a whistle if available. Shout as a last resort.

After an Earthquake

- When the shaking stops look around to make sure it is safe. Then exit the building.
- Expect aftershocks
- Help injured or trapped people. Give first Aid where appropriate. Call for help.
- Look for and extinguish small fires.
- Be aware of possible tsunamis. Stay away from the beach.
- Be careful when driving after an earthquake.
- Open cabinets cautiously. Beware of falling objects.
- Put on long pants and a long sleeve, sturdy shoes and gloves.
- Clean up any spilled medicine or flammables.
- Inspect for any damage. if you identify any serious damage leave.