

Emergency Plan - EARTHQUAKE

Drop, Cover, and Hold On

When shaking stops:

- Check on safety and well-being of family members.
- Render first aid if necessary. Render aid in a safe environment.
- Assess structure(s) for damage. Note areas that may collapse.
- Check for breakage of utilities
 - **Gas Lines:** Smell, hissing, fire(s). If Yes, shut off gas main. **Only Shut the Gas if You Detect a Leak!**
 - **Water Lines:** If leaking shut off house main. Outside leaking, shut off water at the meter main. Have tools readily available.
 - **Power:** Any arcing, sparking, burning smell, smoke? Shut off the main.
- Determine if you need to evacuate
- (Yes or No).

Note that aftershocks will occur

If Yes:

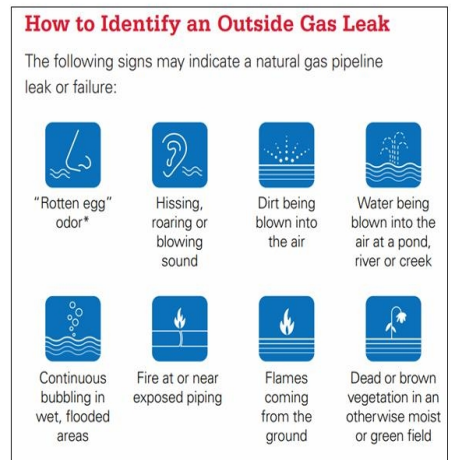
- Gather and load Emergency Kits and Go Bags- Relocate to your designated area
- Accountability of all family members (at home, work, school, etc.).
- Lock & secure dwelling. Placard the front door - time permitting - **FEMA PLACARD**
- Feasibly evacuate family to your predetermined location.
- Contact / locate family members via text (as voice lines are overloaded)
- Develop a contingency to reunite all family members
- Check on neighbors and neighbors with special needs. Family Contacts?
- Do your neighbors need first aid? Do they need to be evacuated? Family Contacts?

If No:

- **RED / GREEN** PLACARD IN WINDOW (It will state your status for Block Captains)
- Check on neighbors and neighbors with special needs- Assess their well-being and damages to their structure.
- Do they need first aid? Do they need to be evacuated?
- Accountability of all family members (at home, work, school, etc.).
- Following an event and at intervals thereafter check on communications protocols:
 - Telephone(s) Operational Yes No
 - Check "Textability" Yes No
 - Check into radio net Report your findings via radio to the ERC

With each aftershock you must re-assess your situation - NO EXCEPTIONS!

Practice - Drill - Rehearse Predetermined roles of family members.





RULES TO HELP YOU SURVIVE IN AN EARTHQUAKE

During the shaking:

- 1. Don't panic.** The motion is frightening, but unless it shakes something down on top of you, it is harmless. The earth does not yawn open, gulp down a neighborhood, and slam shut. Keep calm and ride it out.
- 2. If it catches you indoors, stay indoors.** Take cover under a desk, table, bench, in doorways, halls, and against inside walls. Stay away from glass.
- 3. Don't use candles, matches or other open flames,** either during or after the tremor. Douse all fires.
- 4. If the earthquake catches you outside,** move away from buildings and utility wires. Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops.
- 5. Don't run through or near buildings.** The greatest danger from falling debris is just outside doorways and close to outer walls.
- 6. If you are in a moving car,** stop as quickly as safety permits, but stay in the vehicle. A car is an excellent seismometer, and will jiggle fearsomely on its springs during the earthquake, but it is a good place to stay until the shaking stops.

After the shaking:

- 1. Check your utilities,** but do not turn them on. Earth movements may have cracked water, gas, and electrical conduits.
- 2. If you smell gas,** open windows and shut off the main valve. Then leave the building and report gas leakage to authorities. Don't reenter the house until a utility official says it is safe.
- 3. If water pipes are damaged,** shut off the supply at the main valve.
- 4. If electrical wiring is shorting out,** shut off current at the main meter box.
- 5. Turn on your radio or television** (if conditions permit) to get the latest emergency bulletins.
- 6. Stay off the telephone except to report an emergency.**
- 7. Don't go sight-seeing.**
- 8. Stay out of severely damaged buildings;** after-shocks can shake them down.