



# Earthquake or Structural Collapse



## 1 If You are Inside

- a. Watch for falling objects.
- b. Crawl under a table, counter, etc.
- c. Get into a protective position by tucking your head to your knees and cover your head with your arms.
- d. Consider persons with disabilities who may need assistance in getting to cover and later evacuating.
- e. Stay away from windows, glass partitions, and mirrors.
- f. Stay away from overhead fixtures.
- g. Stay away from filing cabinets.
- h. Stay away from bookcases.
- i. Stay away from electrical appliances.
- j. Stay away from hanging objects.
- k. Evacuate the building only after debris has stopped falling.

## 2 If You are Outside

- a. Move to an open area away from building structures.
- b. Watch for fallen power lines.
- c. Watch for fallen streetlights.
- d. Watch for fallen trees.
- e. Watch for flying glass.

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## 3 If You are in a Vehicle

- a. Stop your vehicle in the nearest open area.
- b. Stay in your vehicle until the tremors have subsided.

## 4 After the Incident

- a. Remain calm.
- b. Be prepared for after-shocks.
- c. If evacuation is ordered, use the nearest and safest exit. Consider persons with disabilities who may need assistance in getting to cover and later evacuating.
- d. DO NOT USE ELEVATORS!
- e. Proceed to your designated evacuation assembly area.
- f. Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in danger.
- g. Open doors carefully.
- h. Watch for falling objects.
- i. Do not use matches/lighters or other sources of ignition.
- j. Avoid using telephones, as emergency response personnel will need these.

