



Public Service Announcement

KYEM EARTHQUAKE PROGRAM

During the Earthquake

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What to do during the shaking

If indoors

- * **DROP** to the ground; take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture; and **HOLD ON** until the shaking stops. If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building.
- * Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or furniture.
- * Stay in bed if you are there when the earthquake strikes. Hold on and protect your head with a pillow, unless you are under a heavy light fixture that could fall. In that case, move to the nearest safe place.
- * Stay inside until the shaking stops and it is safe to go outside. Research has shown that most injuries occur when people inside buildings attempt to move to a different location inside the building or try to leave.
- * **DO NOT** use the elevators.

If outdoors

- * Stay there.
- * Move away from buildings, streetlights, and utility wires.
- * Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops. The greatest danger exists directly outside buildings, at exits and alongside exterior walls. Ground movement during an earthquake is seldom the direct cause of death or injury. Most earthquake related casualties result from collapsing walls, flying glass, and falling objects.

If in a moving vehicle

- * Stop as quickly as safety permits and stay in the vehicle. Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses, and utility wires.
- * Proceed cautiously once the earthquake has stopped. Avoid roads, bridges, or ramps that might have been damaged by the earthquake.



If trapped under debris

- * Tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can locate you. Use a whistle if one is available. Shout only as a last resort. Shouting can cause you to inhale dangerous amounts of dust.
- * Cover your mouth with a handkerchief or clothing.
- * Do not move about or kick up dust.
- * Do not light a match.

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