

## On the Road: Earthquake Actions for When You are Driving

### When the shaking starts

- An earthquake while driving may feel like something is wrong with your car. Take note of your surroundings. You'll feel jolting and potentially see swaying or falling objects.
- Slow down until you can safely pull over and stop.
- Avoid parking near overpasses, power lines, bridges and buildings. Your car will provide little protection from heavy falling objects.
- Turn off the engine and put the handbrake on. Stay in the car until the shaking stops.
- If a power line falls on your vehicle, remain inside until a trained person can remove it.

### When the shaking stops

- After the shaking stops, turn on the radio and heed any warnings or directions from officials.
- Depending on the level of damage, it may be best to stay where you are.
- Keep emergency response routes clear and be aware of potential hazards, such as downed power lines, falling debris and collapsing infrastructure.
- The exception would be if you're in a tsunami risk area. In that case, immediately move to higher ground on foot and stay there until directed otherwise by authorities.



### Preparedness on the go

Don't count on being home when there's an earthquake or emergency. Create grab-and-go bags for your vehicles that contain:

- Food and water
- Flashlight and batteries
- AM/FM radio
- Seasonal clothing
- Blanket
- Medications
- First aid kit
- Whistle
- Mobile phone charger
- Personal toiletries



**SLOW DOWN**



**PULL OVER**



**STAY INSIDE**