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EARTHQUAKE DRILL
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WHERE WILL YOU BE?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

WHILE DRIVING

- Carefully navigate out of traffic lanes to the side of the road and stop. *(Avoid parking near bridges, tall trees, light poles, or buildings).* An earthquake will feel like all four tires have blown out.
- Turn off the vehicle ignition.

  STAY INSIDE YOUR VEHICLE until the shaking stops.

  REMEMBER: Downed power lines could be deadly.

OUTDOORS

- Find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, and power lines.
- DROP to the ground.
- COVER your head and neck.
- HOLD that position until the shaking stops.

INDOORS

- DROP to floor— get under sturdy piece of furniture such as a table or beside a sofa or bed. (Avoid glass windows, glass display cases, and tall objects that could fall on you.)
- COVER your head and neck.
- HOLD ON to the furniture and be prepared to move with it.
- Stay where you are until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to move. DO NOT immediately evacuate the building.

  REMEMBER: Only evacuate after it has been determined that is safe to exit the building. The greatest danger exists directly outside buildings, at exits, and alongside exterior walls. Many fatalities occur when people run

DOWNTOWN

- Never take elevators after an earthquake.
- It is safer to remain inside a building after an earthquake unless there is a fire or gas leak.

  REMEMBER: Glass from high-rise buildings does not always fall straight down; it can catch a wind current and travel great distances.