

EARTHQUAKES

ShakeAlert
Ready
Outdoors

Know the Signs

If you are outdoors, here are some ways you can tell that you may be experiencing the effects of an earthquake.

Anywhere Outdoors

- You get an alert on your phone
- Ground shaking
- Unusual rumbling or cracking sounds

Near/On Slopes

- Landslides/falling rocks
- Cracks in the ground
- Changes in water flow

Around Animals

- Restless behavior
- Sudden attempts to flee

Near Trees

- Swaying or leaning trees
- Falling trees

Near Water

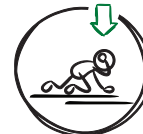
- Changes in water flow or levels
- Sudden flooding or dryness
- Unusual waves
- Rapid erosion along the coastline
- Sudden retreat of ocean water
- Tsunami alert



If you **FEEL SHAKING** or **GET AN ALERT**, take a protective action immediately!



MOVE TO AN OPEN SPACE



DROP! COVER!



HOLD ON!

DRIVING?



SLOW DOWN



PULL OVER, STOP



STAY INSIDE!

On the coast? Wait for shaking to stop, then ...

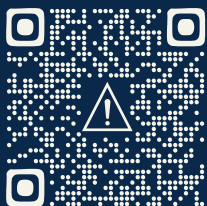


Go to high ground or inland immediately!



Stay there until local officials say it's safe to return.

The shaking is your tsunami warning. Tsunami waves may arrive for hours.



Get Alerts on Your Phone*

*Internet connection is required.

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ShakeAlert™ Because seconds matter.