

# When an Earthquake Hits

## Quick Tips for Emergency Evacuation

Taiwan is prone to frequent earthquakes. Most buildings here are built to withstand them, and are generally safe. If a major earthquake occurs that could threaten your safety, stay calm and follow these steps!

### If You Feel Shaking or Receive an Earthquake Alert

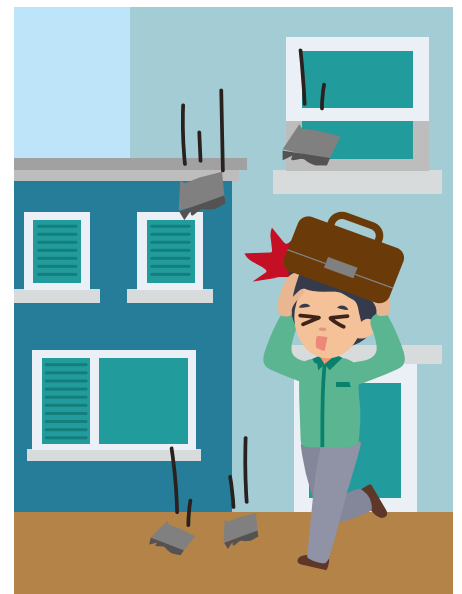
#### When Indoors

- If you can't make it outside right away, find shelter under or near sturdy, low, stable furniture. Follow the "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" approach: get low to the ground (Drop), take cover to shield your head and neck (Cover), and hold on tightly (Hold on) to stay protected from falling objects.
- Stay away from large, heavy furniture that could tip over or from windows.
- Don't rush outside in a panic.
- For high-rise residents, when evacuating from a high-rise building, do not rush or push, as this can lead to falls, trampling, and may block exits.



#### When Outdoors

- Shield your head and neck with a bag or whatever you have with you.
- Move away from concrete walls, and be alert for falling objects like tiles, glass, and signs.
- Avoid standing by walls, rivers, seawalls, or cliffs.
- If you're near the coast, head to higher ground in case of a tsunami.
- Those near reservoirs should be cautious of possible flash floods due to dam breaks.



### After the Shaking Stops: Take Stock of Your Surroundings and Stay Calm

- If you're in a hotel, shopping mall, theater, or similar place, listen for emergency announcements or follow staff instructions (these might include moving to a designated shelter or another safe area).
- Use official government sites or social media for reliable disaster updates.



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