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

Learn more about “Drop, Cover and Hold On” in a variety of situations: http://ow.ly/Ym0GO
For more information on ShakeOutBC and earthquake preparedness visit: www.shakeoutbc.ca