

## Outdoor Spaces: Earthquake Actions for When You are Outside

### When the ground starts shaking

- Stay outside and move to a clear area if you can safely do so.
- Stay away from buildings, trees, signs or other large hanging or posted objects, utility wires, fuel and gas lines and other hazards.
- The area near the exterior walls of a building can be one of the most dangerous places to be. Windows, facades and architectural details are often what falls and causes damage. To stay away from this danger zone, stay inside if you are inside and outside if you are outside.

### When the shaking stops

- Listen to the radio and heed any warnings or directions from officials.
- Do not enter buildings until they are deemed safe by 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.



### Secure Your Outdoor Space

- Even outdoors it's important to ensure you're working in a safe, earthquake-savvy environment.
- Secure heavy equipment that could topple.
- Secure exterior shelves and store heavy items lower down.
- Be aware of other exterior hazards where you live and work, such as power lines.

