



Information from “Guide for Metro Riders” brochure

WHAT TO DO IN AN EARTHQUAKE

- If possible, “Drop, Cover and Hold On” until the shaking stops.
- Stay on board buses and trains or in train stations until instructed to do otherwise by Metro personnel.
- The safest place to be during an earthquake is on the underground Metro system—you may not even know an earthquake has occurred.

IF YOU ARE ON A TRAIN OR IN A STATION

- The operator will stop the train until the shaking stops and make the appropriate announcements to the passengers to keep them informed.
- If you are in a train or station of Metro’s underground system you might not be aware an earthquake is occurring. Sensors will alert Metro personnel that an earthquake is underway and emergency procedures will go into effect. If the magnitude of the earthquake is sufficient to cause damage to rail infrastructure, automatic shutdown will occur.
- Once it is safe to do so, the train will proceed at a reduced speed to the next station with street level trains avoiding all underground areas, elevated stations and all stations under overhead structures.
- If the train cannot proceed and it is safe to remain where you are the operator will assist you in evacuating to a safe location.
- Depending upon the magnitude of the earthquake, rail system maintenance engineers may be dispatched to inspect the system before the train can proceed. Transportation field supervisors will be sent out to assist with any inspections or evacuations required.

- Radio dispatch will be monitoring the rail system to handle any emergencies, broadcast instructions to the operators and allow them to proceed along the route when safe.

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