

# Earthquake Safety in Stores



## Whenever You Enter a Store, Look Around

- What is above and around you that could move or fall during an earthquake?
- Be ready to use your judgment to protect yourself from falling objects.

**People are often injured during earthquakes if they try to walk around and are hit by falling items or step on glass or other sharp objects.**

## If You Feel Shaking or Get an Earthquake Alert

**DROP** to the ground where you are - before shaking causes you to fall down.

Take **COVER** by protecting your head and neck with your arms, and try to make your body a smaller target for falling or flying objects.

- A shopping cart will provide some protection.
- Taking cover inside clothing racks will provide some protection.
- In an aisle with tall shelving (like those in warehouse stores), taking cover on the bottom shelf will provide some protection.

**HOLD ON** to something sturdy.



People in California are encouraged to download the MyShake app to receive earthquake alert messages on their cellphone.

For guidance for other situations, including when outdoors, at a theater, or when using a wheelchair, visit [EarthquakeCountry.org/step5](https://www.earthquakecountry.org/step5).