

What to Do in the Event of a Major Earthquake

If a major earthquake occurs, drivers should take the following measures.

(1) If a major earthquake occurs while driving a vehicle

- a. Stop on the left side of the road in the safest manner possible by avoiding abruptly turning the wheel or applying the brakes.
- b. After stopping your vehicle, obtain earthquake and traffic information via the vehicle radio or other means and act based on the information and the situation surrounding you.
- c. If you continue to drive your vehicle, pay close attention to the damage to roads, traffic light outages, obstacles on the road, etc.
- d. If you leave your vehicle to take shelter, do not park your vehicle on the road whenever possible. If you park your vehicle on the road out of necessity and take shelter, park on the left side of the road, stop the engine, leave the key in the ignition or a place in the vehicle where others can easily find it, such as the driver's seat, and close the vehicle windows but leave the vehicle doors unlocked. When parking your vehicle, do not park it in a place that will obstruct the traffic of evacuees or the implementation of emergency disaster control measures.

(2) If a major earthquake occurs when you are not in a vehicle

- a. Do not use your vehicle to evacuate, except out of necessity to evacuate from a tsunami.
- b. If using your vehicle out of necessity to evacuate from a tsunami, drive while paying close attention to the damage to roads, traffic light outages, obstacles on the road, etc.