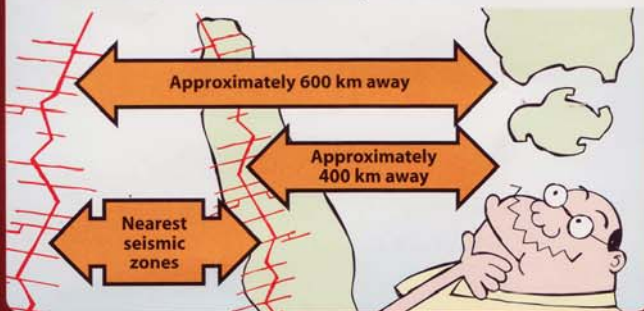


# EARTH TREMORS

## PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

### Can earthquakes hit Singapore?

Singapore is not located within an earthquake zone. The nearest earthquake belts are about 400-600 km away in Sumatra. Strong earthquakes in Indonesia can cause some vibrations or tremors to buildings in Singapore. Because of the distance, the tremors are likely to be weak.



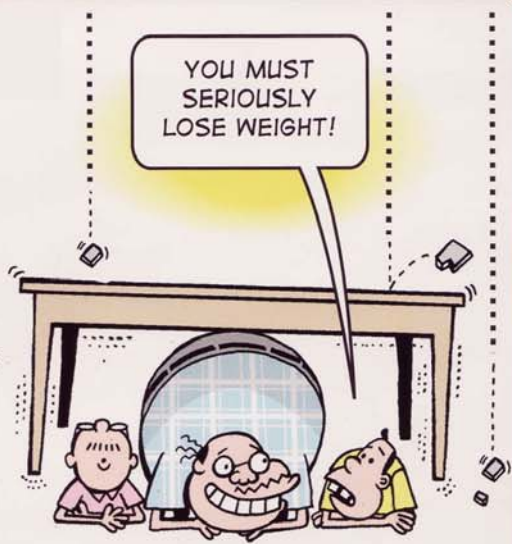
### Will buildings collapse because of tremors?

Buildings in Singapore are designed with in-built strength and are unlikely to collapse because of tremors caused by distant earthquakes. As an added precaution, engineers from the Building and Construction Authority and the Housing and Development Board will inspect affected buildings.



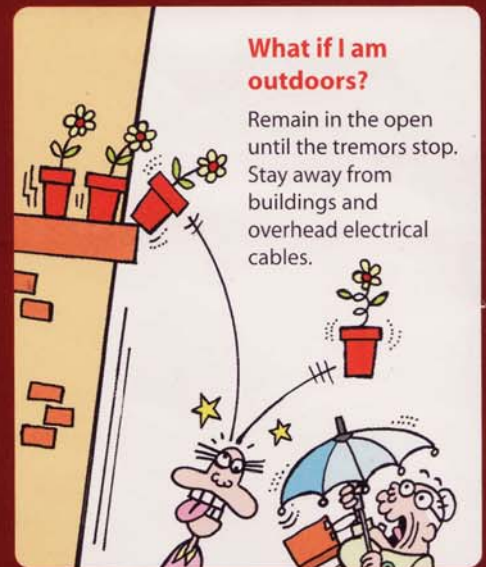
### What should I do when tremors occur?

Do not panic. Stay away from items made of glass or anything that can fall and hurt you. For further protection, take cover under a table. Call the Police or SCDF if you are hurt and sustain severe injuries. Do not use the lift or use a naked light, in case there is a gas leak. Evacuation is only necessary when there are visible signs of structural defects (eg, new cracks).



### What if I am outdoors?

Remain in the open until the tremors stop. Stay away from buildings and overhead electrical cables.



### When the tremors stop...

Check your home for new cracks on the walls, floors, columns and beams. Contact BCA or HDB immediately if new cracks are found. Get the latest updates on radio or TV.



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6325-7393

HDB Essential Maintenance Service Unit:  
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1800-275-5555  
1800-325-8888

EMERGENCIES  
Police: 999  
SCDF: 995



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