

WHEN AN EARTHQUAKE STRIKES

PAWNEE SCHOOLS



WHEN AN EARTHQUAKE STRIKES, for a minute or two the solid earth may pitch and roll like the deck of a ship. The motion is frightening, but, unless it shakes something down on you, it is harmless. Keep calm and ride it out. Your chances of survival are good if you know how to act.

DURING THE SHAKING:

**If indoors, stay indoors. Hide under sturdy furniture. Stay near the center of the building. Stay away from glass.

**Don't use candles, matches, or other open flames.

**Don't run through or near buildings where there is danger of falling debris.

AFTER THE SHAKING:

**Check utilities. If water pipes are damaged or electrical wires are shorting, turn off a primary control point. If gas leakage is detected, shut off at main valve and stay away until utility officials say it is safe.

**Turn on radio or television for emergency bulletins.

**Stay out of damaged buildings; aftershocks can shake them down.