The shaking just stopped

If anyone is hurt or in danger, call 911.

1. **Expect aftershocks.** If you feel one: Drop, Cover, and Hold On.[1]
2. **In a damaged building? Go outside** and move away from it. Don't go into damaged buildings.[1]
3. **Trapped? Text, or bang on a pipe or wall.**[1]
4. **Smell gas or think there's a leak?** Leave the home and call 911.[2]
5. **Text, don't call.** Texts may be more reliable and save battery.[1]
6. **Listen for official news** on a battery radio, TV, or phone alerts.[1]
7. **Near the coast?** Go inland or to higher ground right after the shaking stops.[1]

Don't: turn the gas back on yourself. Only a qualified professional should do that.[3]

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