

Earthquake!



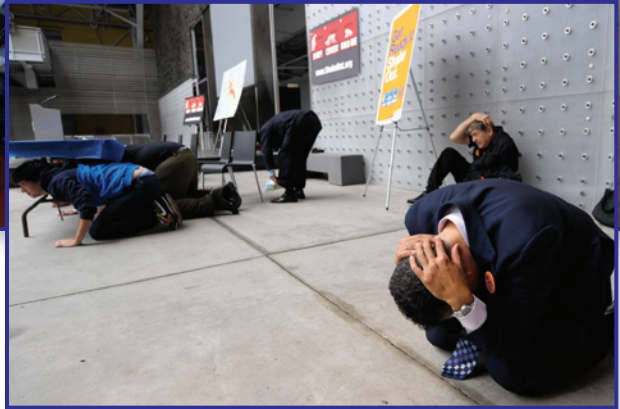
Imagine you are sitting at the table, eating your cereal. Suddenly, the milk in the bowl starts to shake. The table begins to move. The ground beneath your feet is shaking.



What is happening?

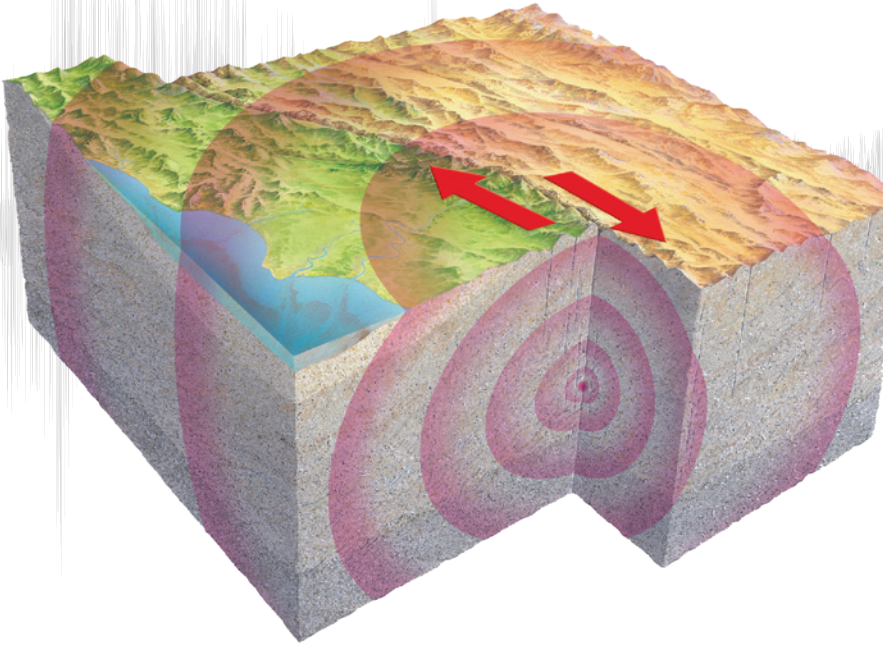


It's an **earthquake!**



What should you do? Take cover! Get under the table. Crouch next to a sturdy object. Stay away from windows. Most of all, stay calm. You will be all right.

How Earthquakes Happen



Earth's top layer (the **crust**) is made of **plates**. When two plates slide past each other, **pressure** builds along their sides.



This is land
that has been
cracked along
a fault line.

When the pressure becomes too much, it is released. Then an earthquake happens.