



Pasadena Elementary School

VISION STATEMENT: We envision Pasadena Elementary to be a school where we maintain high expectations for academic standards through rigorous instruction. We will continue to foster a positive, caring school climate where we respect and value diversity and prepare individuals for success in higher learning and careers.

MISSION STATEMENT: Pasadena Elementary is dedicated to preparing students for college and career readiness, promoting academic excellence and citizenship for all students.

Dear Panther Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful summer. The Pasadena Elementary staff is back, ready, and excited for the 2019-2020 school year. A special Panther welcome to our new students and their families. The staff has worked hard to create a safe and welcoming environment that is organized and structured with learning opportunities for your child. Our secretaries have worked diligently to prepare for the upcoming year. Our custodial staff has worked tirelessly to restore the beginning of the school year sparkle and shine. Our PTA Board has prepared the upcoming budget and is eager to share information with the families. Our school website has been updated: This year we will continue to communicate and share the newsletter via email to support our Green School initiative. We invite you to follow us on the school's Twitter page: @PES_AACPS.

Our PTA is active and always looking for new members and volunteers. Please join and get involved to support PES. To sign-up online: <https://membership-70728.cheddarup.com>. All families are invited to attend PTA meetings, the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm. The Volunteer Orientation is scheduled for Friday, September 27th at 8:30am. We have volunteers who work tirelessly to help ensure the best school experience for our students. If you would like to volunteer or chaperone this year, plan to attend this training. There are training requirements by Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and these must be completed before you can volunteer in the school or chaperone a field trip. Your driver's license or state issued identification will be scanned in the main office as part of this process. A special thank you to Kathy Jovan, retired PES teacher and volunteer, and SJR Lawncare for the courtyard clean up! We appreciate you taking the time to beautify our school grounds. Thank you to LightHouse Church for providing outdoor benches.

A student will have the assistance of a service dog throughout the school year. I am sharing this information to make all of you aware and to ask you for your assistance in making this a positive experience for everyone at our school. The dog, a lab named Misty, is trained to detect any changes that could be indicative of a medical event which requires attention. Misty will be in classes, as well as at lunch and recess. Anne Arundel County Public Schools and Pasadena Elementary School are proud of our efforts to be as inclusive as possible and to accommodate situations such as this one. I have no doubt that you will welcome Misty as a member of our family. I ask you to take a few minutes to talk to your child and explain that Misty is a service dog, whose "job" entails looking after the student she accompanies. Your child – and all children and staff at our school – should refrain from petting Misty and interacting with her in any way that will detract from her duties. If your child has any allergies to dogs or any other issues which we need to address, please contact me directly.

We look forward to an exciting year filled with new experiences and opportunities. Thank you for everything you do for your child/children and our school. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns at 410-222-6573.

We look forward to a wonderful school year. Thank you for everything you do for your child/children and our school. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,
J. Churino
Principal

Misty



Attention Parents, Visitors & Volunteers

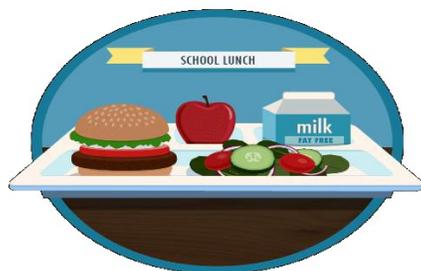
All parents and visitors must report to the office before going to your child's classroom or anywhere else in the building. This helps ensure the safety of our children and staff. After signing in at the office, you will be asked to wear a visitor or volunteer badge. Please remember siblings are not allowed in instructional areas at any time. Your cooperation in this security effort is greatly appreciated.

No Parking Zones

This is a reminder that parking in designated fire lanes and/or bus loops is prohibited. This extends to staff, parents, students, visitors, after-school activity vans, etc. As you know, in a critical emergency, the loss of even one minute caused by vehicles blocking fire and police department access can become critical.



2019-2020 Meal Prices



Breakfast:	\$1.50
Lunch:	\$2.75
Milk:	\$0.55
Reduced Price	
Breakfast:	\$0.00
Lunch:	\$0.40

September Calendar of Events:

2 Labor Day — Schools & Central Offices closed.

3 School open for grades 1–5 and Specialty Site Autism Classes

3 & 4 Conferences for Kindergarten

5, 6 & 9 Staggered entrance for Kindergarten

10 First day for all Kindergarten

27 Volunteer Orientation 8:30am

30 Rosh Hashanah — Schools & Central Offices closed.

School Hours & Transportation

Pasadena Elementary opens its doors for students at 9:00am. Instruction begins promptly at 9:35am and all students are expected to be in their classrooms by that time so as not to be considered tardy.

Students should not arrive before 9:20am and cannot be left unsupervised. Please supervise your child before and after school.

SCHOOL HOURS
9:35am – 4:00pm

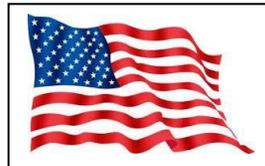
Late Arrival & Early Dismissal

To ensure your child's safety, we are asking that any child arriving after 9:35am walk into the office with an adult to be signed in and receive a tardy pass.

In order to ensure a safe and orderly departure, early dismissals for individual students must occur prior to 3:30pm. After that time, we kindly ask that you allow your child to follow the regular dismissal routine. The student dismissal sequence starts at 4:00pm. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our children safe and getting everyone to school on time!

Federal Impact Aid Survey

On October 1, 2019, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and return it to Pasadena Elementary School.



The U.S. Department of Education now allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children's names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org. Also, **please note that the complete address of the Parent/Guardian's Employer if they work on Federal Property, the complete address of the Federal Property on which they work, and each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian.** The Federal Impact Aid Survey form for 2019-2020 will be available to download on October 1, 2019. We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please call Angie Smack in the Finance Office at 410-222-5200.

Video Camera System

Pasadena Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.

Birthday Treats



The staff at Pasadena Elementary believes that good health and nutrition assist with improved attendance and academic performance. School policy is that food is not shared with classmates at school for birthday celebrations. We have several students with specific food allergies for whom consideration is necessary. **Please do not bring food to share at school for birthdays.**

Dismissal Notice



To ensure the safety of all our students, any changes to your student's dismissal routine will need to be made in writing. Please send a handwritten note, or fax your dated note, with a parent/guardian signature to 410-222-6576. No requests made via phone or e-mail will be accepted. Thank you for your assistance.

Pasadena Elementary

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day – PES & Central Offices closed	3 Grades 1-5 & Specialty Site Begin K Conferences	4 K Conferences	5 Kindergarten staggered entrance	6 Kindergarten staggered entrance PES Spirit Day – wear PES or blue shirt	7
8	9	10	11 Patriot Day - wear red, white & blue PTA Meeting 5:30pm	12	13	14
15	16 Parent Connect Live	17 Bus Evacuation Drill	18	19 PES Spirit Day - Dress for Success	20	21
22	23	24	25 PES Spirit Day – Wellness Wednesday	26	27 PES Volunteer Orientation 8:30am RSVP to mmcarter@aacps.org	28
29	30 Rosh Hashanah – PES & Central Offices closed	Oct. 1 Federal Impact Aid Survey goes home	2 Grade 4 Arlington Echo Custodian Appreciation Day *PTA Meeting 5:30pm	3 Grade 4 Arlington Echo	4 PES Spirit Day – wear PES or blue shirt World Smile Day	5

you matter



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome Back!

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and fun summer. I know that many of you are excited to begin another school year and yet others are dreading the morning struggles, packing lunches, homework and bedtime routines.

As a parent I have mixed feelings about starting a new school year but as your school counselor I look forward to many rewarding experiences working with you and your children.

This year we will **Look for the Good**; in ourselves, others, our community and the world. We invite you to partner with us in this journey. There will be roadblocks, detours and delays along the way but with kindness, a positive attitude and teamwork we will create a caring learning community and make it to our final destination, a successful and fun school year for all. Throughout the year students will work to develop the academic and life skills and traits necessary for success as they journey through life.

Throughout the year, grade levels will coordinate service learning projects which allow us to share our message with the community that we all matter.

Kindergarten – Hygiene Bags

1st – Senior Citizen Project

2nd – Mitten and Toy Drive

3rd – Rise 4 Autism

4th – Pennies for Patients

5th – Harvest for the Hungry Food Drive

Building Good Attendance Habits

A few facts to consider:

1. Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year.
2. The academic impact of missing school is the same whether the absences are excused or unexcused.
3. Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher must slow down learning to help children catch up
4. Being late to school can lead to poor attendance.

September Classroom Guidance Topics

Kindergarten – Getting to know the School Counselor

1st Grade – Growth Mindset/Feelings

2nd Grade – Growth Mindset/Respect

3rd Grade – Growth Mindset/Goal Setting

4th Grade – Growth Mindset/Academic Planning

5th Grade – Growth Mindset/Goal Setting

Wanted ...

3rd, 4th and 5th graders interested in participating in Student Council. Students will represent their peers and work with school staff to solve problems, implement school themes and support grade levels with Service Learning Projects. Encourage your child to speak with Ms. Noble or Mr. Pat for more information.

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports

Pasadena a PBIS school! PBIS is a process of teaching appropriate behavior and providing supports necessary to sustain that behavior. As part of PBIS we have identified 4 core values which we expect students to demonstrate throughout all school settings. Panthers **CARE!**

Care

- I attend school.
- I am kind to others.
- I give my best effort.

Achieve

- I complete classwork and homework.
- I follow classroom routines.

Respect

- I keep my hands, feet and objects to myself.
- I use school-friendly/appropriate language.
- I cooperate with peers and staff.

Engage

- I am an active listener.
- I participate in class activities.
- I stay on task.

Students who display exceptional behavior earn electronic points using Class DoJo. DoJo points can be redeemed for school and classroom rewards. Students can also be recognized for their efforts by receiving Positive Referrals to the office. We will hold Quarterly Celebrations to honor student successes. All students will attend the quarterly celebrations unless a student has multiple documented behavioral difficulties in a marking period.



Health Room News

Welcome back! There is new Health Room Staff this year. My name is **Mandy Konig**, and I am the School Nurse for Pasadena ES. I have been a school nurse for 19 years, and this will be my 7th year with AACPS schools. I have a dual role with School Health Services; I am also the Nursing Supervisor for the Chesapeake and North County clusters of schools. This is a fancy title that basically means two days a week I am out visiting those schools and working with the nurses and support staff in the health rooms. I look forward to meeting all of you!



Dawn Howard is the Health Assistant for Pasadena ES. Dawn is a Certified Nursing Assistant and a Certified Medication Technician. She has been working for School Health Services for 2 years. Dawn will be at PES every day caring for the students and staff.

As you get your students ready to come back for another great year, consider taking a moment to visit this website from NIH.gov that talks about healthy tips for returning to school. I think it's great!

<https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/wecan/downloads/tip-back-to-school.pdf>

Medication must be brought into the Health Room staff by an adult with the completed, required paperwork. All medication including over the counter medication must have the Parent's Request to Administer Medication form filled out by both the parent and doctor for the medication to be given at school. Prescription medication must be in the original, labeled container from the pharmacy. Over the counter medication must be in its original sealed packaging. If you have any questions, please contact the Health Room staff at 410-975-3065.

Here is how to reach us:

Health Room phone number: 410-975-3065

School Nurse email: nurse2182@aacps.org

Health Assistant email: health2182@aacps.org

We hope you will stop by to meet us in person! See you in a week!



Order the 2019-2020 Pasadena Elementary t-shirt today!

Please complete this form and return it with the payment.

Submit cash or a check payable to Pasadena Elementary School.

Orders are due by September 20.

Price: \$10.00 per shirt (includes tax)

Youth Sizes: YS (6-8) _____ YM (10-12) _____ YL (14-16) _____

Adult Sizes: AS _____ AM _____ AL _____ AXL _____ A2XL _____ A3XL _____

Total # shirts ordered _____ Total cost included: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Child's name: _____ Teacher: _____



Show your school spirit for Pasadena Elementary

on Friday, September 6.

Please join the staff and wear a PES (or blue) t-shirt.

*Together we can 'Light It Up Blue', for our friends with Autism, and show
#PanthersCARE.*

Purchasing School Meals

<https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome>



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Peace of mind at your fingertips

Delivering convenience for all your student's school payment needs. Never miss a beat with MyPaymentsPlus.

[Register Now](#)



Sign In

Email or Username *

Password *

[Forgot Password?](#)

[Sign In](#)

Don't have an account?

[Register Now](#)



Meals & Autopay

Pay for meals, view cafeteria purchases, receive low balance alerts, or enroll in autopay.



Student Account Management

Gain 24/7 access to school payments & history for all your students in one place.



Products & Events

Browse products available for purchase and sign your student up for school events.



Digital Forms

Eliminate paperwork by completing forms and signing school documents online.

Apply for Free or Reduced-Priced Meals

<https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/welcome>



Languages:

English

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- 2 Students
- 3 Programs
- 4 Other Members
- 5 Income
- 6 Contact
- 7 Review

OTHER OPTIONS

Help Center

Free & Reduced School Meals Application - Anne Arundel County, Maryland - 410-222-5900 (2019-2020 School Year)

Welcome to the Online Free & Reduced School Meals Application (Anne Arundel County Schools)

Before you begin

Remember, you do not need to submit an application if your children were automatically approved (directly certified) for free meals during the 2019-2020 school year.

Households that were automatically approved were notified through a **letter** sent by their school.

We only need 1 application for all the children that attend schools in the **same school district**.

How am I eligible?

Eligibility for free or reduced priced school meal benefits is based on any one of these 3 things:

- Your total household income and size
- Your child's individual status as foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway
- Participation in an **assistance program** by any member of your household

Your U.S. citizenship, immigration status, or not having a SSN does not affect your eligibility for receiving benefits.

Getting started checklist

Lastly, we've compiled a list of the information you might need to complete the application.

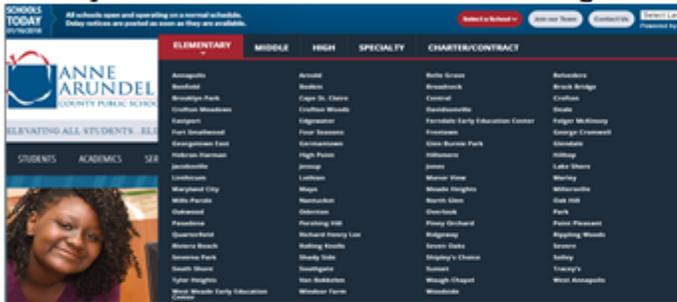
- Review the [Income Eligibility Guidelines](#) for the 2019-2020 school year..
- If you are a participant of any **assistance program**, have your **case number** ready.
- If you are not a participant of assistance programs, gather any income documentation for all members of your household.
- Know how to contact your local school for any questions.

[Start Application](#)



OSP is available at Pasadena Elementary School! Pay for school items, fees and activities online using a credit or debit card. **(Visa or Mastercard Only)** (Online payment for school activities is currently being piloted in a limited number of schools for selected activities)

1. Choose your student's school from the AACPS.org website:



2. Click on the OSP link:



3. Create a new user account and then add Student Profiles (Student ID required):



<http://osp.osmsinc.com/annearundel>

****4% convenience fee applied at checkout**



The volunteer program at Pasadena Elementary is an organized group of individuals who work at our school under the supervision and direction of assigned school personnel to strengthen, enrich and expand the school program. The school volunteer program has one main purpose: To support the instructional program and bring the best educational opportunities to students.

Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of areas around the school. Below is a list of some jobs at the school, but the list is not all-inclusive. For more information about the program, please contact Peggy Carter at mmcarter@aacps.org, or contact your child’s teacher. PES will offer a Volunteer Orientation on Friday, September 27th at 8:30am. Please plan to attend, or email Mrs. Carter to reschedule. Volunteers are required to watch a [video](#) and complete this [Background Check](#) form online.

Art Room Assistant	Assists Art Teacher with duties related to the Art Room: preparation of materials, display of student artwork, etc.
Bulletin Boards and Visual Displays	Prepare visuals for classroom displays and hallways and assists in the display of student work.
Accelerated Reader	Monday-Friday, assist with the Accelerated Reader Program. Times vary by grade level.
Clerical Assistance	Type, copy, & collate teaching materials; laminate and cut out teaching materials. Volunteers are needed to answer phones through the school day. Training can be provided.
Computer Lab	An extra pair of hands to assist students as teacher provides instruction to students. Times vary by grade level.
Media Assistant	Assist the Media Specialist with shelving of books, student checkout of materials, displays, etc.
Mentor (organization)	Assist identified student/s with morning organization and preparation for the day; provides a positive interaction for student and helps get his/her day off to a good start. This job is from 9:20-9:35am daily.
Mentor (academic)	Assist identified student/s with reading sight words or math facts on flash cards; or listening to students read. Times vary throughout the day.
Office Assistance (during dismissal)	Help is needed in the main office to assist with answering phones, from 3:55-4:15pm. Training will be provided, and you do not have to work every day.
Classroom Volunteer	Assist teachers with the planning and coordination of classroom events. Contact your student’s teacher for more information. Classroom volunteers will be limited for some events.
Work at Home	Complete small projects such as cutting out objects at home.
PE/Field Day Assistant (spring)	Assist the P.E. teacher by leading a group of students in a physical activity for Field Day. Your name will be forwarded for contact. There will be morning and afternoon sessions.
Hearing/Vision Screening	Parents are needed to assist with chaperoning students during vision and hearing screening dates.
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)	Please join PTA: https://membership-70728.cheddarup.com . PTA meetings are open to all families. They are held the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in the Media Center. Parents are needed to assist with PTA events, committees, and the annual Race for Education fundraiser. Please email president@pespta.org if you would like to get involved with PTA!

Student Accident Insurance

Each year, school children have accidents. Medical costs can be expensive, and unexpected bills can cause hardships. Even if you have other insurance, it is often not enough as coverage can require high deductibles or co-insurance payments.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools **does not** blanket accidental medical or dental insurance for sports, school sponsored activities, or student activity while school is in session. However, we have made arrangements with **K&K Insurance Group, Inc.** to offer accident coverage to all enrolled students at a modest premium. Through this program, parents/guardians have the opportunity to purchase this protection for their child. Some of the advantages of this insurance include:

At-School Accident coverage: This provides insurance for the hours and days when school is in session and while students are attending school sponsored and supervised activities on or off school premises. Coverage is provided during:

- The school day, on school premises, while school is in session
- Direct and uninterrupted travel to and from home and scheduled classes
- School sponsored and supervised sports (excluding high school football)
- Travel to and from school sponsored and supervised sports while in school approved vehicle

Once effective, coverage continues until the earlier date where the enrolled students coverage has been in place for twelve months or the first day of school of the next school year.

24-hour Accident coverage: This provides insurance coverage around-the-clock, anywhere in the world. Coverage is provided:

- Before, during and after school
- Weekends, vacation and all summer including summer school
- School sponsored and extracurricular sports (excluding high school football)

Once effective, coverage continues until the earlier date where the enrolled students coverage has been in place for twelve months or the first day of the next school year.

All coverage becomes effective on the date that the completed application and premium are received by K&K Insurance Group, Inc. or online enrollment is completed.

YOU CAN APPLY AND PAY ON-LINE AT: www.studentinsurance-kk.com

You have a choice of different benefit schedules. The insurance information that the student in your household brings home will provide the information necessary to guide in your decision-making.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call **K&K Insurance Group, Inc.** at (855) 742-3135. Their representatives are available to assist you in your inquiries or go to www.studentinsurance-kk.com

The Pasadena Elementary School (PES) PTA is proud to announce the kick-off of our 9th Annual **Race for Education** scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2019. **Race for Education** is a fun event where students will walk or jog around a designated area as many times as possible during scheduled period. Prior to 'Race Day,' students are asked to raise funds by asking sponsors to contribute a **tax-deductible** donation to the PTA. Our goal is to raise **\$15,000**.

Year after year, PES families and their community of sponsors have supported:

- Character Education, Project Wisdom, and student recognition
- Field Trip Funding
- Classroom Resources
- Cultural Arts Assemblies
- Family Engagement Activities
- Additional Student Enrichments

Please help us reach our goal. In mid-September, students will be coming home with a "Kick-off Packet" including details about **Race for Education**. Please review the packet. Sponsors can submit donations via secure online platform, physical mailers, cash or check. Your participation is essential to the success of this program! Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,
Steve Forte, PTA Race Coordinator and Jennifer Quirino, Principal



Be your kid's biggest fan. Be PTA.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

JOIN PASADENA ELEMENTARY PTA

Include me in the PES Family Directory Yes No

Member First Name _____ Member Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Yes No Text? _____

Family Membership Qty _____ X \$ 15.00 = _____

Membership for all members of a single household and includes PES PTA Member benefits like free and discounted Event admission. Includes one card with one vote.

Add-On Membership Qty _____ X \$ 5.00 = _____

Add an additional adult of the same household to a Family Membership to receive an additional membership card and vote.

Add-On Member Name _____ Email _____

Add-On Member Name _____ Email _____

Total \$ Paid: _____

Please make all checks payable to Pasadena Elementary PTA.

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Your membership is LOCAL – STATE – NATIONAL

**When parents are involved ...
Grades and test scores improve!**



Pasadena Elementary School

Student 1 Name _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____

Student 2 Name _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____

Student 3 Name _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____



Clean Out Your Closet & Help Our School Raise Money!

Clothing To Cash Collection Program

OUR SCHOOL WILL BE PAID FOR EVERY POUND WE COLLECT.



**Help Support
Our School &
Save The
Environment
One Bag At A Time.**



WE ACCEPT NEW & GENTLY USED:



Clothing

(Women's, Men's & Children's, Clothing, Coats. Etc.)

Footwear

(Shoes, Sneakers, Boots, Cleats, Etc.)

Textiles

(Bedding, Sheets, Blankets, Towels)

Accessories

(Handbags, Backpacks, Gloves, Scarves, Jewelry, Wallets)

**ACCEPTED ITEMS MUST BE
CLEAN, DRY, IN BAGS and TIED CLOSED**



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

Furniture, Food, Cushions, Plastic / Glass Items, Carpet, TV's, Electronics. Anything breakable, or too large to fit in the bin.

Earthquake Emergency Procedures

Listed below are the recommendations adapted from FEMA in the event of an earthquake.

Located Indoors

- Drop to the ground; take cover by getting under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture, and hold on until the shaking stops. If there isn't a piece of furniture near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building.
- Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall.
- Use a doorway for shelter only if it is in close proximity to you.
- Do not run outside of the building. Many people have been killed by falling debris from collapsing walls.

Located Outside

- Stay there until the shaking stops. Ground movement is seldom the cause of death or injury.
- Move away from buildings, street lights, and utility wires.
- The greatest danger exists directly outside buildings at exits and alongside exterior walls.

Inside a Moving Vehicle

- Stop as quickly as safety permits and stay inside the vehicle.
- Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses, and utility wires.
- Proceed cautiously once the earthquake has stopped.
- Avoid roads, bridges, and ramps that might have been damaged in the earthquake.

If Trapped Under Debris

- Do not light a match.
- Do not move about or kick up dust.
- Cover your mouth with a handkerchief or clothing.
- Tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can locate you. Shout only as a last resort. Shouting can cause you to inhale dangerous amounts of dust.