

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

1. Make a Plan:

- Locate the safest places in each room—under a sturdy table, desk, or in an inside corner of the room
- Have a plan for communicating with family members in and out of the home

2. Secure Appliances:

- Water heater
- Furnace
- Stove
- Refrigerator
- Washer and Dryer

3. Secure Shelves:

- Anchor shelving unit to wall or floor
- Install braces across shelf fronts to hold contents on shelf
- Store heavy items low on shelves
- Install doors on shelves
- Install latches on cupboard doors

4. Secure Furniture and Electronics:

- Bookcases
- Dressers
- Cabinets
- Televisions
- Computers

5. Secure Hazardous Liquids in a cabinet or outside the home

- Flammable liquids: Fuels, solvents, paint supplies
- Poisons: Weed killers, pesticides, cleaners

6. Decorate With Earthquake Safety In Mind:

- Locate heavy decorations where they will not fall on people
- Place beds away from windows and heavy hanging pictures or mirrors
- Secure decorative items to shelves using a product like Crystal Clear Museum Wax
- Hang pictures and mirrors on hooks instead of nails
- Secure potted plants

7. Check Your Home's Structure

- Replace old wiring and water or gas lines that could rupture
- Check for secure installation of heavy light fixtures or ceiling fans
- Remove old masonry chimneys
- Make needed repairs to improve structural stability

8. Hold Earthquake Drills With Your Family

- Drop to the ground
- Take cover under a sturdy table, desk or next to an inside corner
- Hold on for at least 60 seconds

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