

Prepare...



Because
You Care

Earthquake Preparedness Home Checklist

1. Place beds so that they are not:
 - next to large windows.
 - directly below hanging lights.
 - directly below heavy mirrors.
 - directly below framed pictures.
 - directly below shelves with lots of things that can fall.
2. Replace heavy lamps on bed tables with light nonbreakable lamps.
3. Change hanging plants from heavy pots into lighter pots.
4. Use closed hooks on hanging plants, lamps, etc.
5. Make sure hooks (hanging plants, lamps, etc.) are attached to studs.
6. Remove all heavy objects from high shelves.
7. Remove all breakable things from high shelves.
8. Replace latches, such as magnetic touch latches on cabinets, with latches that will hold during an earthquake.
9. Take glass bottles out of medicine cabinets and put on lower shelves. (PARENT NOTE: If there are small children around, make sure you use childproof latches when you move things to lower shelves.)
10. Remove glass containers that are around the bathtub.
11. Move materials that can easily catch fire so they are not close to heat sources.
12. Attach water heater to the studs of the nearest wall.
13. Move heavy objects away from exit routes in your house.
14. Block wheeled objects so they cannot roll.
15. Attach tall heavy furniture such as bookshelves to studs in walls.
16. Use flexible connectors where lines connect to appliances such as stoves, water heaters, and dryers.
17. Attach heavy appliances such as refrigerators to studs in walls.
18. Brace outside chimneys.
19. Nail plywood to ceiling joists to protect people from chimney bricks that could fall through the ceiling.
20. Fasten heavy mirrors to walls.
21. Fasten heavy pictures to walls.
22. Brace air conditioners.
23. Check roof tiles-make sure they are secure.
24. Bolt house to the foundation.
25. Remove dead or diseased tree limbs that could fall on the house.

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local emergency management office
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(800) 562-6108*