

At-A-Glance

Earthquakes



Be prepared before an earthquake strikes...

- Fasten shelves securely to walls.
- Place large or heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Store breakable items such as bottled foods, glass, and china in low, closed cabinets with latches.
- Fasten heavy items such as pictures and mirrors securely to walls and away from beds, couches and anywhere people sit.
- Brace overhead light fixtures and top heavy objects.
- Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections. These are potential fire risks. Get appropriate professional help. Do not work with gas or electrical lines yourself.
- Install flexible pipe fittings to avoid gas or water leaks. Flexible fittings are more resistant to breakage.

Did you know?

Aftershocks can still occur two days after the primary earthquake.

For additional information on earthquakes, go to www.ready.gov.

During an earthquake...

- DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!)
- Take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table.
- HOLD ON until the shaking stops.
- If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building.
- DO NOT get in a doorway unless you know it is a strongly constructed, load-bearing doorway and it is close to you. Many inside doorways are lightly constructed and do not offer protection.
- DO NOT run outside Stay inside until the shaking stops and it is safe to go outside. Do not exit a building during the shaking. Research has shown that most injuries occur when people inside buildings attempt to move to a different location inside the building or try to leave.



After the earthquake: Be cautious!

- Check for gas and water leaks, broken electrical and sewer lines, and major cracks and damage in your home. If you suspect a gas leak, contact your local Fire Department immediately.
- Keep streets clear for emergency vehicles. Do not drive your vehicle.

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