

CHECKLIST FOR EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

- Are heavy items removed from high shelves to low ones? (Items in bottles or cans, books, and other heavy items should be on low shelves; paper products, pasta, stuffed animals, etc., on higher ones.) **Reminder:** For younger children (under six years old), overhead objects may be only three feet off the floor.
- Are valuable, fragile objects (art work, trophies, etc.) protected against tipping over, breaking glass, and/or sliding off shelves?
- Are fragile objects (china, crystal, and other special glassware and candlesticks) stored in a cabinet that has been secured to structural framing or in cabinets with protective latches?
- Do hanging plants or mobiles have closed eyehooks; allowing them to swing freely?
- Are potted plants or other heavy items on top of shelves or other high locations restrained?
- Are decorations, plants, pictures, etc., secured so that they will not fall or fly around the room in an earthquake?
- Are light fixtures adequately secured?
- Are fluorescent light fixtures secured, in addition to resting on the ceiling grid?
- Do chandeliers or pendant mounted light fixtures have safety cables, or are they hung so that they can swing freely without hitting walls, windows, etc?
- Are decorative ceiling panels or latticework securely attached?
- Are fasteners on cabinet doors to prevent them from readily swinging open in an earthquake (allowing contents to spill or fly about the room)?
- Are televisions, computers, printers, and other freestanding equipment, fastened to the wall, a shelf, or to a portable cart with lockable wheels?



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- Are freestanding cabinets, bookcases, and shelves secured to a structural support?
- Are freestanding cabinets, bookcases, and shelves arranged so they will not trap you if they tip over?
- Are tables, desks, etc., located so that they will not slide and block exits?
- Are aquariums or display cases protected against overturning and/or sliding off tables or shelves?
- Are headboards, dressers, wardrobes, cabinets, etc., properly secured?
- Are refrigerators, freezers, and/or ranges, restrained by built-in cabinetry or attachments to the floor or wall?
- Are washers and dryers restrained by built-in cabinetry or attachments to the floor or wall?
- Are water-heaters properly restrained?
- Are furnaces properly restrained?
- Are fire extinguishers securely mounted?
- Do all gas appliances have flexible gas connections?
- Are space heaters securely braced and have flexible connections?
- Are wood-burning stoves properly attached to the wall or floor?
- Are your weight room equipment and racks anchored and weights properly stored?
- Are your table saws and shop equipment properly secured to the wall or floor?
- Are floor-mounted and freestanding shop equipment secured against overturning or sliding?
- Are compressed gas cylinders secured top and bottom with a safety chain?



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