



fireflies

A Safety Newsletter for Kids

DO YOU HAVE A QUAKE-SAFE HOME? FIND OUT IF YOUR HOME IS SAFE AND SECURE DURING AN EARTHQUAKE BY CHECKING OFF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Place beds so that they are away from large windows.
- Place beds so that they are away from hanging lights.
- Place beds so that they are away from heavy mirrors.
- Place beds so that they are away from framed pictures.
- Place beds so that they are away from shelves with lots of things that can fall.
- Replace heavy lamps on bed tables with light, non-breakable lamps.
- Change hanging plants from heavy pots into lighter pots.
- Use closed hoods on hanging plants, lamps, etc.
- Make sure hooks (hanging plants, lamps, etc.) are attached to studs.
- Remove all heavy objects from high shelves.
- Remove all breakable things from high shelves.
- Replace latches, such as magnetic touch latches on cabinets, with latches that will hold during an earthquake.
- Take glass bottles out of medicine cabinets and put on lower shelves. (PARENT'S NOTE: If there are small children around, make sure you use childproof latches when you move things to lower shelves.)
- Remove glass containers that are around the bathtub.
- Move materials that can easily catch fire so they are not close to heat sources.
- Attach water heater to the studs of the nearest wall.
- Move heavy objects away from exit routes in your house.
- Block wheeled objects so they cannot roll.
- Attach tall heavy furniture such as bookshelves to studs in walls.
- Use flexible connectors where gas lines meet appliances such as stoves, water heaters, and dryers.
- Attach heavy appliances such as refrigerators to studs in walls.
- Nail plywood to ceiling joists to protect people from chimney bricks that could fall through the ceiling.
- Make sure heavy mirrors are well fastened to walls
- Make sure heavy pictures are well fastened to walls
- Make sure air conditioners are well braced.
- Make sure all roof tiles are secure.
- Brace outside chimney.
- Bolt house to the foundation.
- Remove dead or diseased tree limbs that could fall on the house.

