

An Earthquake Ready Home



Steps to ensure your home and family are prepared for an earthquake.

Your Home is Structurally Sound

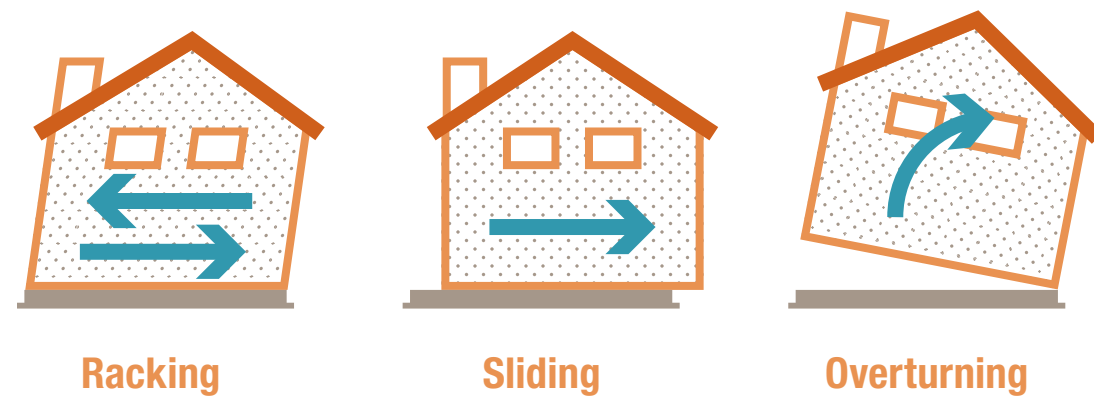
Homes that are tied together from the roof to the foundation are much more likely to remain standing during an earthquake. This creates a continuous load path that helps hold the house together.

WHAT IS A CONTINUOUS LOAD PATH?

A continuous load path is like a chain that ties the house together from the roof to the foundation.

This method of construction uses a system of wood, metal connectors, fasteners, and shearwalls to connect the structural frame of the house together.

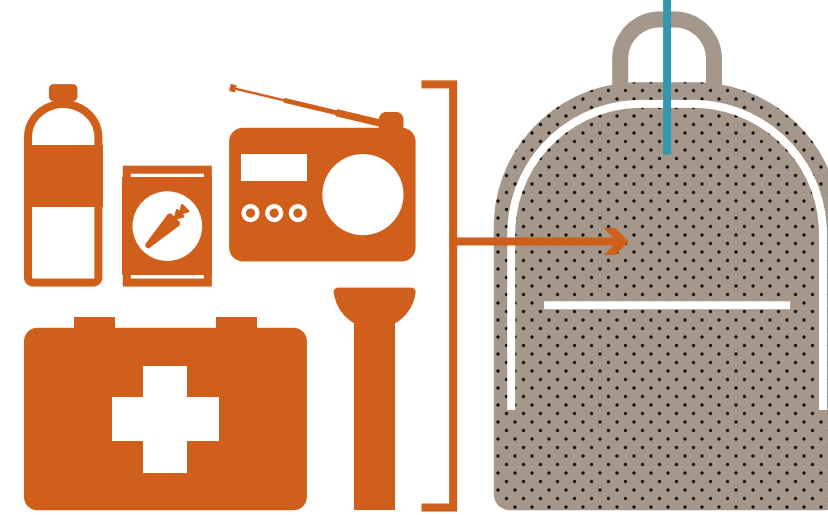
HOW AN EARTHQUAKE AFFECTS YOUR HOME



Your Family Is Prepared

You have a disaster supplies kit that includes:

- ✓ Food
- ✓ Water
- ✓ A radio
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ First aid kit

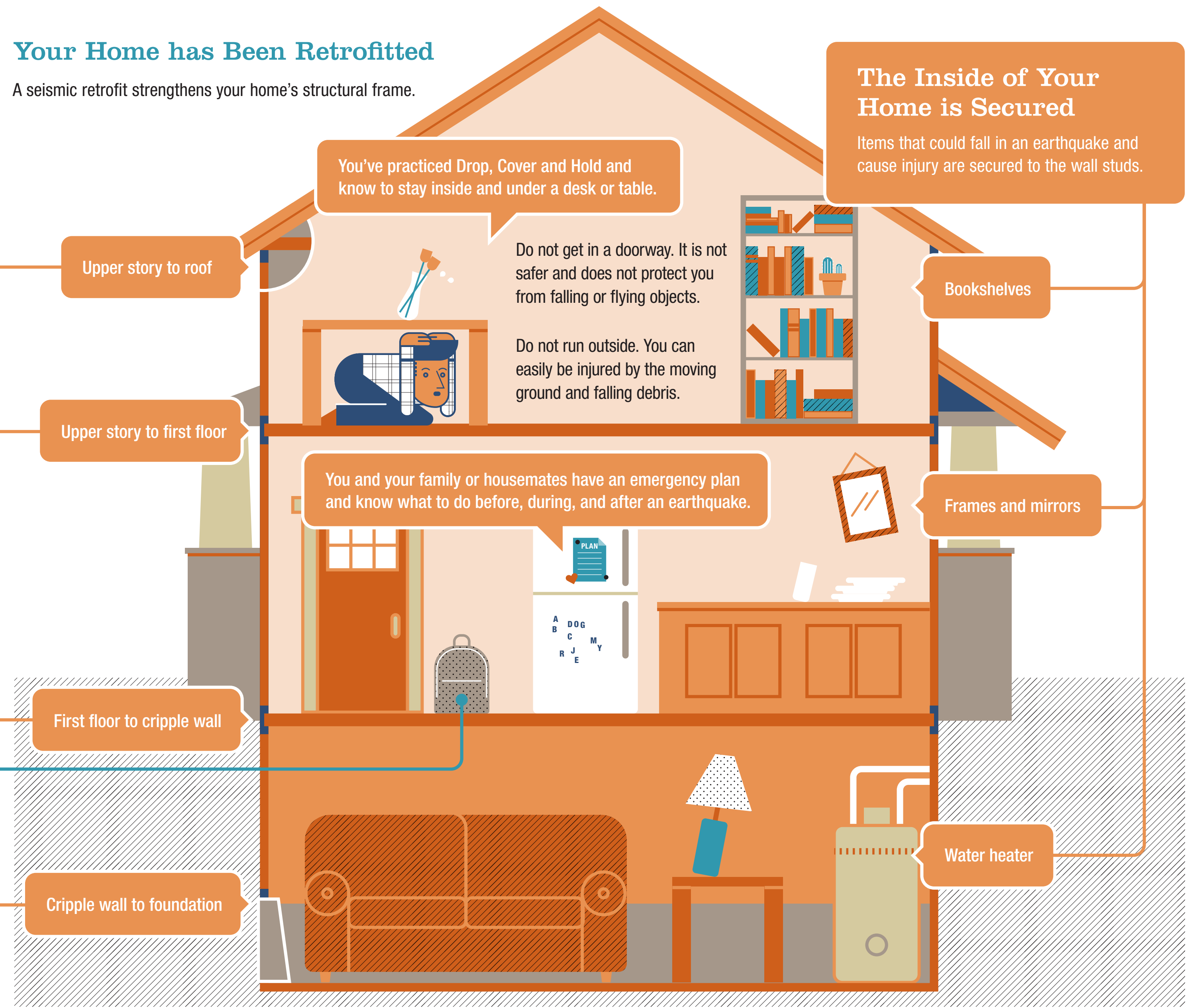


Your emergency kit is stored near the exit and in the room you spend most of your time.

Also keep one in the car and one at work.

Your Home has Been Retrofitted

A seismic retrofit strengthens your home's structural frame.



The Inside of Your Home is Secured

Items that could fall in an earthquake and cause injury are secured to the wall studs.

Most important? Your home is bolted to the foundation.

Your home's cripple wall is reinforced.

Your home's cripple wall is attached to the first floor.

Note: If your home does not have a cripple wall or crawl space, consult a professional engineer for retrofitting solutions.