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
Racking  Sliding  Overturning

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.

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.

The Inside of Your Home is Secured
Items that could fall in an earthquake and cause injury are secured to the wall studs.

Frames and mirrors  Bookshelves  Water heater

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Your Home has Been Retrofitted
A seismic retrofit strengthens your home's structural frame.

You’ve practiced Drop, Cover and Hold and know to stay inside and under a desk or table.

Do not get in a doorway. It is not safer and does not protect you from falling or flying objects.

Do not run outside. You can easily be injured by the moving ground and falling debris.

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