



# PREPARE YOUR HOME

**Make a family plan so everyone knows what to do.**

Designate an out of state person as your emergency contact. If a large earthquake strikes, you may only get one call. (You will probably only be able to make that call on a land line.) If you are not together when the quake hits, each member of your family should try to call that out of state contact to let them know they are safe. Your out of state person should have a list of all family and friends that will need to be told you are safe.

It is a long time between big earthquakes. Once a year, (on a daylight saving change day, so you will remember,) call or email your emergency contact person with an updated list.

## SECURING YOUR HOME:

### Bedroom

- No picture frames over a bed.
- Be sure there is nothing near your bed that can fall on you.
- Secure bookcases and mirrors to the wall. Use red-eye screws.

### Kitchen

- Put all glass jars on lower shelves.
- Store heavy pots and pans on lower shelves.
- Suggestion: Store perishable food you will want in an emergency in your freezer. (I.e. a loaf of bread.)

### Living Room and Dining Room

- Secure shelves to the wall.
- Use big screws to hold pictures and mirrors.
- If you have little statues and vases, use quake hold putty to stick them to the shelf or table.
- You can get straps for televisions, fish tanks and computers to keep them from falling over.

It is a good idea to have some cash money stored where you can get to it easily. ATM machines will not work if the electricity fails.

Try not to come home with an empty gas tank. It is very inconvenient when gas pumps do not work. (A car can be a good gathering place in an earthquake provided it is well away from falling objects.)