Earthquakes

A strong quake near a big city could be the most destructive disaster this country could ever experience. The following provides info on key areas that may require attention in order to reduce the risk of earthquake damage to your home.

1 in 4

The chance that Canada will be hit by a major earthquake sometime over the next 50 years.

- Secure large furniture, appliances and large flat screen TVs to walls to prevent them from toppling.
- Reinforce and brace masonry chimneys and ensure that beds are located away from a chimney should it collapse.
- Secure large pictures, mirrors and bulletin boards to studs using screws.
- Replace old windows with tempered glass or use protective window film.
- Install a seismic natural gas shut-off valve on your gas meter.
- Strengthen cripple walls with plywood or strand board. Ensure the home is properly anchored to its foundation.
- Brace your hot water heater to prevent water and natural gas leaks.

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