

Earthquake home protection advice:

Better/Best: Retrofit

Enhanced measures (better)

- ☐ Perform brace and bolt retrofits to pre-1990s single family dwellings on raised foundations or soft-story retrofit for multi-family buildings with tuck-under parking.
- ☐ Move heavy items (more than 15 kg) to the floor or to low shelves, away from where you spend a lot of time, and away from doors and escape routes.
- ☐ Secure tall furnishings, like bookcases and wall units, to the building studs with earthquake furniture straps.
- ☐ Install latches on kitchen cabinets and secure breakable objects, like vases, on shelves with museum putty.
- ☐ Secure gas-fueled hot water heaters to the building studs.

Comprehensive measures (best)

- ☐ Participate in the annual ShakeOut drill, including practicing drop, cover, and hold on.
- ☐ Assemble an emergency preparedness kit with enough supplies to meet your family's needs for at least 72 hours.
- ☐ Create an emergency plan and decide how you will communicate with family and friends.

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