

# Family Disaster Plan

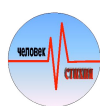
## Check when completed

- ☐ We held a family meeting.
- ☐ We identified the safest places in the house, and in each room. (Away from windows, large and heavy objects that can fall, and objects like heaters that can cause fire.)
- ☐ We identified exits and alternative exits from our house and building.
- ☐ We considered the special provisions we need for pets, people who don't speak the language of the country, elderly, disabled, and small children.
- ☐ We have enough water to last us a week (4 liters per person per day), and food for 3 days.
- ☐ We know how to turn off our electricity, water and gas.
- ☐ We completed the Hazard Hunt and took steps to eliminate non-structural hazards in our home.
- ☐ We know our out-of-area contact person(s) and phone number(s):  
It's: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ We know where we would reunite  
Inside the house: \_\_\_\_\_  
Outside the house: \_\_\_\_\_  
Outside the neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ We know how to use a fire extinguishers.
- ☐ We keep shoes and flashlights by our beds.
- ☐ We have a good first aid kit.
- ☐ We collected our survival supplies, and made up our evacuation packs.
- ☐ We made our copies of important documents, and key addresses and phone numbers and keep them with out out-of-area contact or in our earthquake bag.
- ☐ We know never to light a match, lighter, or any other flame after an earthquake until we are sure there is no danger of escaping gas anywhere around.
- ☐ We know that we will only use the telephone in an emergency after an earthquake until we are sure there is no danger of escaping gas anywhere around.
- ☐ We plan to review our plan again every 6 months.
- ☐ We are spreading the word to everyone we know.

First/Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



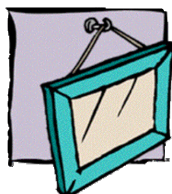


# Earthquake Hazard Hunt

The Earthquake Hazard Hunt should begin at home, with all family members participating. Imagination, and common sense are all that are needed as you go from room to room and think about what will happen when the earth starts shaking. Check for objects that may slide, fall, and fly where people spend the most time - where they sleep, eat, work and play. Do some detective work! Make a list of what needs to be done and tackle it one by one until it's finished!

As you tackle what needs to be done, prioritize the items as follows:

1. **Secure life threatening items first (eg. wardrobes in bedroom or things blocking exit)**
2. **Secure those things that would entail significant economic loss (eg. computer, a/v equipment)**
3. **Secure those items that will let you live more comfortably (eg. family heirlooms, breakables)**



- Move heavy items below the head level of the shortest family member.
- Tightly secure furniture to walls (including kitchen cabinets).
- Make sure white appliances and hot water heaters are secure.
- Fasten LPG tanks and other gas cylinders to the wall.
- Make glass that may break into large shards less dangerous (hang long curtains, rearrange furniture, install strengthened glass.)
- Secure heavy and important electronic items.
- Secure lighting fixtures to ceiling.
- Fasten pictures on closed hooks.
- Check for any hazardous materials (poisons, flammable materials); make sure they are secure
- Consider replacing kitchen cabinets latches with ones that will hold shut during a quake.

Hazards We Found:

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