



EARTHQUAKE! MOORE PROTECTION OFFERS TIPS ON EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

More earthquakes have jolted California in the past decade than during any other period in 60 years. Scientists estimate that there is a 60 percent chance that a large magnitude quake could occur at any time during the next 30 years, causing severe damage throughout California.

“Fortunately, by taking a few simple safety measures, residents can improve their chances of avoiding injury and property damage during a quake,” says Don Moore, president of Moore Protection, one of Southern California’s leading providers of home security. “Chances are most people will be at home, work or frequently visited places when a big quake hits. These are the places where we need to concentrate our efforts to prepare for ‘The Big One.’”

Follow these safety measures recommended by the California Governor’s office of Emergency Services to minimize earthquake damage:

Prepare Your Home

- Know the safe spots in each room: under sturdy tables, desks or against inside walls. Know danger spots: windows, mirrors, hanging objects, fireplaces and tall, unsecured furniture.
- Learn how to shut off the gas, water and electricity.
- Keep breakables and heavy objects on bottom shelves. Secure heavy, tall furniture that can topple, such as a bookcases, china cabinets or wall units, hanging plants and heavy picture frames or mirrors (especially over beds).
- Put latches on cabinet doors to keep them closed during shaking.
- Keep flammable or hazardous liquids such as paints, pest sprays or cleaning products in cabinets or secured on lower shelves.

Ensure Structural Stability

- Check chimneys, roofs, walls and foundations for stability. Make sure your house is bolted to its foundation.
- Secure the water heater and appliances that could move and rupture utility lines.

Practice Emergency Techniques

- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers.

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- Maintain emergency food, water and other supplies, including a flashlight, a portable battery-operated radio, extra batteries, matches, medicines, first-aid kit and clothing.
- Decide how and where your family will reunite if separated. Choose an out-of-state friend or relative that separated family members can call after the earthquake to report their whereabouts and condition.
- Conduct unannounced drills. Physically place yourself in safe locations.
- Learn first aid and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) from your local Red Cross chapter or other community organization.

For Moore Protection's free *Guide to Family Safety and Home Security*, call Don Moore at 310-463-7631. Moore Protection, Inc. is a full service home security company that consults, designs, installs, services and monitors its own modern and robust security systems, and prides itself on fast response, quality service and personal attention.

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