

Preparing Your Home & Property for an Earthquake

6 Essential Tips

Living in an area prone to earthquakes demands more than just casual awareness; it requires proactive steps to ensure the safety of your home and family. At GeoVera, we encourage you to take these precautions to reduce the severity of potential earthquake damage.



Lock Your Cabinets

Unsecured cabinets can swing open during an earthquake, causing contents to fall out and potentially injure someone or break valuable items. Installing latches on your cabinet doors is an easy and effective way to keep everything securely inside.



Keep a Clear Path to the Exits

In an earthquake, a quick and unobstructed escape is crucial. Ensure that the paths to all exits are clear of any obstacles. This not only helps in case of an emergency but also promotes a more organized and safer living space.



Drop, Cover, and Hold On

Teach your family the "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" method. Practice earthquake drills periodically so everyone knows what to do. Identify safe spots in each room, like under sturdy furniture or against an interior wall, away from windows and heavy objects that might topple.



Anchor Heavy Objects

Tall, heavy furniture, like bookcases, dressers, and shelving units, should be securely anchored to the walls. Consider relocating heavy objects to lower shelves and secure items like TVs and computer monitors.



Secure Flammable Substances

Flammable or toxic substances, such as cleaning supplies or paint, should be stored in a secure, low area where they cannot spill. Water heaters, gas fixtures, and other utilities should be anchored and fitted with flexible connectors to prevent breaks and leaks.



Secure Fragile Items

Beyond the larger pieces of furniture, pay attention to smaller fixtures and electronics. Secure items like picture frames, mirrors, and lamps. Use cord organizers to prevent tripping over cables during an evacuation. Additionally, consider using safety film on windows to prevent shattering.