

An Earthquake Plan For Your House

First, sit in each room of your house and pretend the earthquake started while you were there. Then begin to ask yourself questions:

1. Is there a place where I could duck and cover, under a heavy piece of furniture perhaps?
Or along its side?
2. Are there any items up high that could fall on me?
 - pictures?
 - heavy pieces of furniture that could overturn?
 - a cabinet with doors that could open up with the contents spilling out? a TV or music system?

Fortunately, there are now solutions to all of these potentially dangerous events. There are special fasteners for heavy pictures to keep them from falling. There is earthquake wax and putty for smaller, lighter objects on the wall or those standing on a shelf. There are straps that attach to your furniture without using nails or screws and specific ones for televisions. There are special cabinet door fasteners that only activate through shaking. Most of these can be purchased through Amazon under the name Quake Hold and SeismoLatch (for those shake-activated latches). There are also childproof latches for other types of cabinet doors. There are straps to hold in books. We recommend you look up EARTHQUAKE SUPPLIES on Amazon or elsewhere, where you will also find radios, flashlights, food kits, to-go kits and almost anything you might need for survival of an earthquake or other disaster. A handy person can take care of most of these needs in a couple of hours.