

## Be Earthquake Ready...

Earthquakes strike suddenly, without warning, and they can occur at any time of the year, day or night.

### Prep

Understand the fire/earthquake evacuation plan for your building.

Pick safe places in each room of your building.

Keep an emergency supplies kit in an easy-to-access location.

Make sure your home is bolted to its foundation.

Strap water heaters & gas appliances to wall studs.

Hang heavy items away from anywhere people sleep or sit.

Learn how to shut off the gas valves in your home.

Learn about your seismic risk & consider earthquake insurance.

### During

Drop, Cover & Hold On

Stay away from windows.

Stay indoors until the shaking stops.

Be aware that fire alarms & sprinkler systems frequently go off.

If you are in a vehicle, pull over to a clear location and stop.

Plan and practice an evacuation.

If advised by authorities, evacuate.

If you are in a mountainous area, be alert for falling rocks.

### After

Expect and prepare for potential aftershocks.

Check yourself for injuries and get first aid.

Look for damage in and around your home.

Listen to a portable radio for updated emergency info.

Look for and extinguish small fires.

Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines.

Stay out of damaged buildings.

Return to your home only when authorities say it is safe.