

EARTHQUAKE

SAFETY TIPS

BEFORE AN EARTHQUAKE HAPPENS, BE PREPARED.

Have basic emergency supplies, including portable radio and flashlight, plus the following:

- Water (2 qts. per person) and dried or canned food (2 weeks' supply per person).
- 2 weeks' supply of medications.
- First aid kit and handbook.
- Pipe or crescent wrenches (to turn off gas and water if necessary).
- Soap, toilet paper.
- Smoke detectors, fire extinguisher.
- Extra clothing, blankets and/or sleeping bags.
- Personal items (including valid ID).
- Large piece of plastic (for use as groundcover).

Avoid having bookshelves and file cabinets near doorways. If they fall and are heavy, they can block escape routes.

DURING AN EARTHQUAKE, KEEP CALM. PANIC KILLS.

- **If you are indoors:** Get under a sturdy piece of furniture (desk or table) or into a doorway. Stay clear of windows and exterior doors.
- **If you are outside:** Get into the open, away from buildings and utility wires.
- **If you are in a car:** Stop the car, but stay inside. Do not stop on or under a bridge, trees, lightposts or signs.

AFTER A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE, STAY VIGILANT.

- Do not enter partially collapsed or damaged buildings. An after-shock could bring the walls or roof down without warning.
- Avoid exposed electrical wiring, indoors or out.
- Check home for fire or fire hazards:
- Turn off main gas valve if leak is suspected. Let gas company restore service.
- Shut off electrical power at the control box if there is any damage to your house wiring.
- Only use the phone for emergencies (injuries, fire, trapped people.)
- Check with your neighbors to see if they need assistance.
- Be prepared for aftershocks.
- Cooperate with public safety officials.