APCIA INSURANCE TIPS

Prepare Before An Earthquake

There are three key seismic retrofits that can be done to help strengthen a home and reduce damage in an earthquake.

1. **Brace cripple walls —** bracing these walls, if you have them, will help strengthen them and reduce the likelihood of the house toppling.
2. **Bolt home to the foundation —** securing the home may help prevent the building from sliding off the foundation, which often leads to most earthquake damage.
3. **Strap the water heater —** properly strapping a water heater may help prevent it from detaching from gas and water lines, which can result in a fire or water damage.

CREATE A HOME INVENTORY



Use a smartphone, camera or video camera and document your property, describing the special features of your home and belongings

DO YOU NEED EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE?



Consider your property's risk.
Do you live in an earthquake prone area?
Should you mitigate your property?

MINIMIZE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP



Organize important documents, strengthen your property, and consider earthquake insurance coverage

CREATE A DISASTER PLAN



Decide on a meeting place, have a communications plan, organize disaster supplies and locate a safe place in your house

HOLD REGULAR DRILLS



Practice your disaster plan and when the earth shakes, drop, cover and hold on

IDENTIFY AND SECURE HAZARDS



Secure moveable items and protect against gas fires or explosions

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