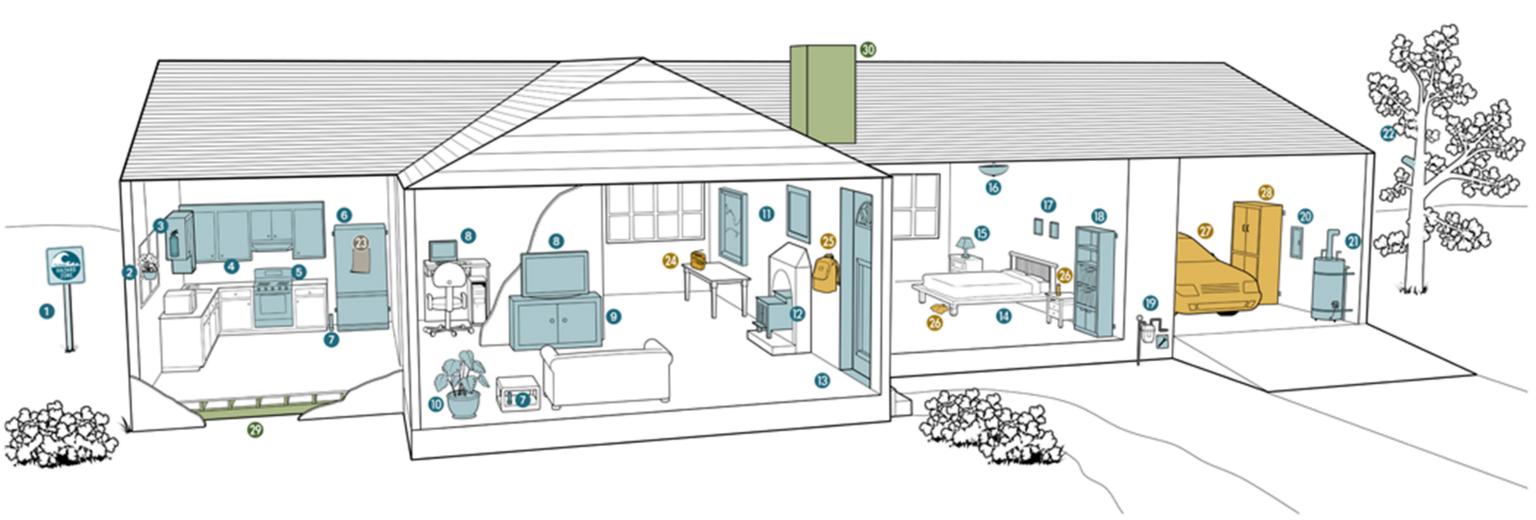
Seven Steps That May Save Your Life

Preparation is the key to surviving a disaster. Start today by looking at these seven steps. Then talk to your family about what you have learned. Be safe—reduce losses—recover quickly.

BEFORE AN EARTHQUAKE OR TSUNAMI—PREPARE DURING THE EARTHQUAKE—PROTECT AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE—RECOVER

THIRTY SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE YOUR HOME EARTHQUAKE SAFE

Connect the actions with their locations in the house below.



STEP 1—IDENTIFY HAZARDS

- 1 Know whether you live, work or play in a tsunami hazard zone.
- 2 Hang plants in lightweight pots with closed hooks, well secured to a joist or stud and far away from windows.
- 3 Store fire extinguisher (type ABC) in easily accessible location.
- 4 Install strong latches on kitchen cabinets.
- Use flexible connections where gas lines meet appliances.
- 6 Remove or lock refrigerator wheels, secure to studs.
- 7 Keep several flashlights in easily accessible places around the house.
- 8 Secure valuable electronics items such as computers and televisions.
- Weep breakables in low or secure cabinets with latches.
- Move heavy plants and other large items to floor or low shelves.

- Hang mirrors and pictures on closed hooks.
- Secure free-standing woodstove or fireplace insert.
- Keep heavy unstable objects away from doors and exit routes.
- Place bed away from windows or items that may fall.
- Secure knick knacks and other small valuables with museum putty.
- Brace overhead light fixtures.
- Place only light weight/soft items over bed.
- 18 Secure top-heavy furniture to studs.
- Weep wrench or turn-off tool in water proof wrap near gas meter.
- 20 Know the location of your main electrical switch (fuse box or circuit breaker).
- Secure water heater with metal straps attached to studs.
- Trim hazardous tree limbs.

STEP 2—CREATE A PLAN

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STEP 3—PREPARE DISASTER KITS

- Obtain a NOAA Weather Radio with the Public Alert feature to notify you of tsunamis and other hazards.
- Keep an emergency backpack with copies of important documents near the door to grab and go.
- Keep flashlight, slippers and gloves next to beds.
- Keep gas tank at least half full.
- Store emergency food and water supplies in a dry accessible area. Include first aid kit, extra cash, portable radio, extra batteries, medications and other necessary supplies.

STEP 4—STRENGTHEN YOUR HOME

- Use anchor bolts every 4 to 6 feet to secure home to foundation.
- Reinforce brick chimneys.

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