

Inside Your Home

- Fit gas **appliances** with flexible connections and/or a breakaway gas shut-off device, or install a main gas shut-off device.
- Secure **water heater(s)** to walls.
- Anchor **bookcases**, china cabinets and filing cabinets to walls.
- Install latches on drawers and **cabinet doors** to keep contents from spilling out.
- Install **ledge barriers** on shelves, place heavy items on lower shelves, and secure large, heavy items and breakables directly to shelves.
- Attach computers and small appliances to desks, tables or countertops.
- Anchor **large appliances** to walls using safety cables or straps. Lock the rollers of any large appliances or pieces of furniture.
- Secure appliances that could move enough to rupture gas or electrical lines.
- Address heavy picture frames or mirrors over a bed or seating area.
- Remove flammable liquids, such as painting or cleaning products, which would be safer in a garage or outside shed.

Your House and Structure

- Apply safety film to windows and glass doors.
- Secure a masonry chimney that could crumble and fall through an unsupported roof.
- Secure ceiling lights, suspended ceilings and other hanging items such as chandeliers and plants to the permanent structure of your house.
- Adding anchor bolts or steel plates between your home and its foundation.
- Install bracing the inside of your home's cripple wall — the short wood-stud wall between the top of the foundation wall and the first floor — with sheathing.
- Brace unreinforced chimneys, masonry and concrete walls and foundations.
- Address unbraced pier-and-post foundations
- Prepare unreinforced masonry walls or foundations