



## HOME HAZARD HUNT - LOOKING OUT FOR AND FIXING HOME HAZARDS

CHECK YOUR...	HAZARDS WHICH MAY BE PRESENT	LIST EACH ROOM IN YOUR HOME NOTE THE HAZARDS AND PLAN TO FIX THEM									
Electronic Appliances	Look for electronic equipment, like stereos, televisions, computers, or appliances, (like microwave ovens, which may slide off shelves or out of cabinets. Secure with double-sided tape, Velcro fasteners, or put restraining edges on the cabinets or shelves.										
Counter-top Cooking Appliances	Look for counter top appliances which generate heat (like toasters, coffeepots or bread makers). Put restraining edges on cabinets or shelves. Do not use tape or Velcro - the glue will melt.										
Cabinets	Look for latches on kitchen, bathroom and storage cabinets which would not hold doors closed during heavy shaking. These can be secured with hooks or better latches.										
Hot Water Tank	Ensure that the hot water tank is strapped securely in place.										
Utility Shut Offs	Know where your gas, electric and water shut offs are located. Everyone should know how to turn off the utilities in case of a leak or problem. Make sure that the gas and water valves are not rusted or stuck shut. If they are, call a professional. Keep a suitable wrench close to gas meter.										
Foundations	Inspect the foundations of your home. Walls must be securely bolted to the foundations. If they are not, consider having this done. An unbolted structure may move off its foundation during an earthquake.										
Stud Walls	Any exposed stud walls should be braced to reinforce strength.										
Chimneys and Roofs	Check your chimney and roof for loose tiles and bricks. Remove or replace tiles as necessary and strengthen the roof around the chimney.										
Toxic Chemicals	Look for poisons, toxins, or solvents in breakable containers which are located in high or dangerous locations. These can be moved to a safe, well-ventilated storage area. Make sure they are kept away from emergency water and out of reach of children or pets. Check with Provincial Waste Management for information about safe storage.										
Trees in the Yard	Old leaning trees can fall during earthquakes. Check for signs of root rot or other damage. Trees in close proximity to the house can be a fire hazard. Consider pruning or removal.										
Local Hazards	Look for hazards outside your home, such as overhead wires or stream banks that may not be stable. You may not be able to do anything about these hazards but you and your family should be aware that they exist.										