

Assessing Personal Earthquake Risk

1. **Home construction type.** Wood frame structures have greater survivability during an earthquake than unreinforced masonry buildings.
2. **Anchoring of structure.** Is the home secured or anchored to the foundation?
3. **Inside the home.** Are utilities, such as water heaters and interior furnishings, such as bookcases, secured against movement and falling?
4. **Site or local soil/ground stability.** Is the home located on bedrock or soft soils/till? Are there watercourses nearby?
5. **Personal preparedness.** Does your family have emergency preparedness kits for home, work, school and/or vehicles?
6. **Family emergency plan.** Does your family have an emergency preparedness plan that outlines reunification, meeting points, and out of town contact numbers/individuals?
7. **Community emergency plans.** Do individuals have a knowledge and understanding of local government emergency plans?
8. **Evacuation routes.** Do family members know their evacuation routes from home, work, or school in the event of a disaster in their community?
9. **High risk areas.** Are homeowners or workers aware of the all the high risks areas in their community for liquefaction, inundation etc.?
10. **First aid training.** Have people taken or updated emergency first aid courses?

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