

Earthquake Safety

On pages 18-28 of *Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country: Your Handbook for the San Francisco Bay Region*, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) outlines seven steps that all people and families should take to be prepared for an earthquake.

Read these pages with your group members and answer the following questions. Please do not make any marks in the booklet!*

1. Before an earthquake, what four steps should you take to be prepared?
2. What is the single-most important step to take during an actual earthquake?
3. What steps should you take after an earthquake has occurred?
4. What potential threat do hanging objects, such as picture frames, and objects on shelves pose to your safety during an earthquake?
5. Why should water heaters and refrigerators be strapped into place?
6. What is a "Disaster-Preparedness Plan?"
7. What types of items should be included in a Personal Disaster Kit?
8. What should a Household Disaster Kit include?
9. If you live in a house or duplex, take the quiz (to the best of your knowledge) on page 24. Was your score 13 or more? If so, what should you communicate to your parents/guardians?
10. If you live in an apartment or condo, what should you look for or ask your landlord?

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11. Whenever you are indoors and an earthquake strikes, what should you do?

12. What should you do if you are next to a tall building? Why?

13. In a car?

14. At AT&T Park?

15. At the beach? Why?

16. List the steps you should take after an earthquake is over. Be thorough.

17. If you had to evacuate your home, where would you stay? If you didn't have friends or family nearby, where could you go?

18. This booklet outlines seven myths about earthquakes and earthquake safety. Describe each of these commonly held beliefs and explain why they are wrong.

- Myth 1: "Beachfront Property"

- Myth 2: "And the Earth Opened"

- Myth 3: "Homeowner's Insurance..."

- Myth 4: "Quake Injuries Are All From Collapsing Buildings"

- Myth 5: "We Have Good Building Codes, So We Must Have Safe Buildings"

- Myth 6: "Head for the Doorway"

- Myth 7: "I Don't Need to Worry About Earthquakes - The Government Will Save Me"