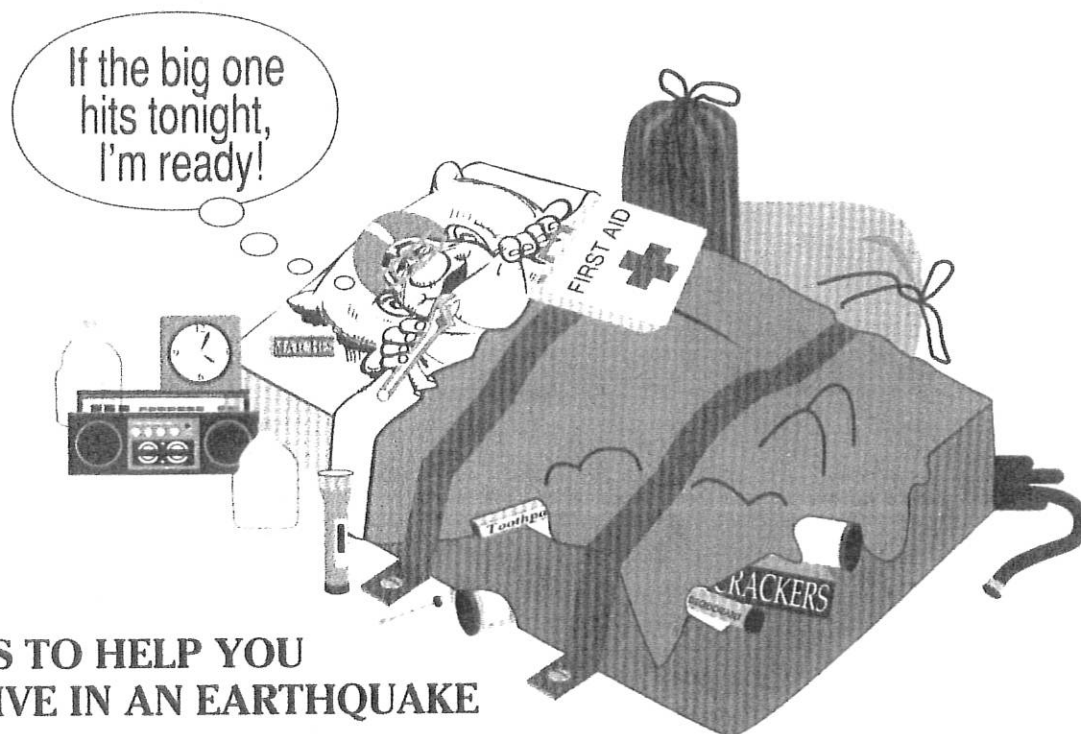




RULES TO HELP YOU SURVIVE IN AN EARTHQUAKE

During the shaking:

- 1. Don't panic.** The motion is frightening, but unless it shakes something down on top of you, it is harmless. The earth does not yawn open, gulp down a neighborhood, and slam shut. Keep calm and ride it out.
- 2. If it catches you indoors, stay indoors.** Take cover under a desk, table, bench, in doorways, halls, and against inside walls. Stay away from glass.
- 3. Don't use candles, matches or other open flames,** either during or after the tremor. Douse all fires.
- 4. If the earthquake catches you outside,** move away from buildings and utility wires. Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops.
- 5. Don't run through or near buildings.** The greatest danger from falling debris is just outside doorways and close to outer walls.
- 6. If you are in a moving car,** stop as quickly as safety permits, but stay in the vehicle. A car is an excellent seismometer, and will jiggle fearsomely on its springs during the earthquake, but it is a good place to stay until the shaking stops.

After the shaking:

- 1. Check your utilities,** but do not turn them on. Earth movements may have cracked water, gas, and electrical conduits.
- 2. If you smell gas,** open windows and shut off the main valve. Then leave the building and report gas leakage to authorities. Don't reenter the house until a utility official says it is safe.
- 3. If water pipes are damaged,** shut off the supply at the main valve.
- 4. If electrical wiring is shorting out,** shut off current at the main meter box.
- 5. Turn on your radio or television** (if conditions permit) to get the latest emergency bulletins.
- 6. Stay off the telephone except to report an emergency.**
- 7. Don't go sight-seeing.**
- 8. Stay out of severely damaged buildings;** aftershocks can shake them down.

Emergency Plan - EARTHQUAKE

Drop, Cover, and Hold On

When shaking stops:

- Check on safety and well-being of family members.
- Render first aid if necessary. Render aid in a safe environment.
- Assess structure(s) for damage. Note areas that may collapse.
- Check for breakage of utilities

Only Shut the Gas if You Detect a Leak!

- **Gas Lines:** Smell, hissing, fire(s).
If Yes, shut off gas main.
- **Water Lines:** If leaking shut off house main. Outside leaking, shut off water at the meter main. Have tools readily available.
- **Power:** Any arcing, sparking, burning smell, smoke? Shut off the main.

- Determine if you need to evacuate
- (Yes or No).

How to Identify an Outside Gas Leak

The following signs may indicate a natural gas pipeline leak or failure:



"Rotten egg" odor*



Hissing, roaring or blowing sound



Dirt being blown into the air



Water being blown into the air at a pond, river or creek



Continuous bubbling in wet, flooded areas



Fire at or near exposed piping



Flames coming from the ground



Dead or brown vegetation in an otherwise moist or green field

Note that aftershocks will occur

If Yes:

- Gather and load Emergency Kits and Go Bags- Relocate to your designated area
- Accountability of all family members (at home, work, school, etc.).
- Lock & secure dwelling. Placard the front door - time permitting - **FEMA PLACARD**
- Feasibly evacuate family to your predetermined location.
- Contact / locate family members via text (as voice lines are overloaded)
- Develop a contingency to reunite all family members
- Check on neighbors and neighbors with special needs. Family Contacts?
- Do your neighbors need first aid? Do they need to be evacuated? Family Contacts?

If No:

- **RED / GREEN** PLACARD IN WINDOW (It will state your status for Block Captains)
- Check on neighbors and neighbors with special needs- Assess their well-being and damages to their structure.
- Do they need first aid? Do they need to be evacuated?
- Accountability of all family members (at home, work, school, etc.).
- Following an event and at intervals thereafter check on communications protocols:
 - Telephone(s) Operational Yes No
 - Check "Textability" Yes No
 - Check into radio net Report your findings via radio to the ERC

With each aftershock you must re-assess your situation - NO EXCEPTIONS!

Practice - Drill - Rehearse

Predetermine the roles and responsibilities of each family member during an emergency. Some roles may need to be reassigned due to a family member being at work or school.