

# Beat the Quake

Test your earthquake safety knowledge.

Go through each item in the room and give the best answer for how to secure it. But hurry – a real earthquake can hit at any time!

## How do you secure a television in an earthquake?

- Use TV earthquake straps
- Use putty
- It's never shaken that much before, it'll be fine

## How do you secure DVDs?

- Use a Velcro-type of product on each DVD, reinforce with superglue
- Place DVDs and CDs in a drawer, if not, rest on-side of each case on non-skid mat
- DVDs can't hurt you, so why do anything.

## What do you do to secure an entertainment center?

- The items on top of it will stop it from moving
- Use furniture straps to bolt it to wall studs
- Use putty

## How do you secure a centerpiece bowl?

- Put more items in it to weigh it down
- Secure with putty, Velcro-type products or non-skid pad
- You don't need to do anything because it's fairly small

## How do you secure a plant pot?

- Use Velcro-type products or non-skid mat for small plants
- Do nothing, the plant won't survive
- Move it out of the way to a higher shelf for more sunlight

## How do you secure a remote control?

- Use a non-skid adhesive pad, like those for cell phones
- You don't need to do anything because it's lightweight
- Put it under something else

## How do you secure a hanging picture?

- Use a closed hook or similar product to secure to the wall studs and use putty in lower corners
- Standard hooks work just fine
- Use putty

## How do you secure heavy objects?

- Secure with Velcro-type products
- Use superglue
- It's heavy enough it won't move

## How do you secure pictures on a table?

- Secure with putty
- You don't need to do anything because they are small
- Bolt them down

## When do you turn off the gas?

- After an earthquake, even if there isn't a leak
- Never
- After an earthquake and only if you smell gas

**How do you ensure the fire extinguisher will work when you need to use it?**

- Make sure that it has not expired and that you know how to use it
- Put it in the basement, together with your other emergency tools
- Test is every 6 months to make sure that it is working

**What do you do to secure glass or ceramics items?**

- Use putty or gel
- Nothing, they won't hurt anyone
- Weigh them down with marbles or water

**How do you secure books?**

- You don't need to do anything because they are so heavy they won't fall
- Lay the books flat on the shelves
- Rest books on a non-skid mat and/or add a shelf lid

**How do you ensure that the smoke alarm is working?**

- It is fine, the person who installed it made sure it was working
- You should test the alarm once a month by pressing the test button
- It's hardwired, so you should be fine, no need to test it

**How do you secure a mirror?**

- Use rope and crazy glue
- Use Velcro-type products
- Use a closed hook or similar product to secure to the wall studs and use putty in lower corners

**How do you secure a bookcase during an earthquake?**

- Use furniture straps to bolt it to wall studs
- Use heavy books to weigh it down
- The bookcase is sturdy, it won't fall over

**How do you secure a ceiling fan?**

- Make sure it's securely attached and reinforced into the ceiling
- Tighten the screws
- Do nothing, it won't fall

**How do you keep plugs safe?**

- Never put a power strip into another power strip and never overcharge power strips
- Not much, just keep an eye on them
- It's okay to plug several high current appliances into an outlet