

# Do Your Own Earthquake Home Hazard Hunt

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SALT LAKE CITY – Utah residents can do several things to reduce potential earthquake hazards and damage in their homes.

Steps you can take on your own include:

- Strapping down televisions, computers and other expensive or hazardous electronics.
- Securely fastening or moving heavy pictures and mirrors currently located over beds or other furniture.
- Bracing water heaters and making sure that gas models have flexible connections.
- Knowing how and when to shut off utilities.

Some modifications may require a licensed contractor, designer or architect to complete. Among these are:

- Bracing or replacing masonry (brick) chimneys.
- Strengthening garages that have living space above them.
- Upgrading unbraced crawlspace walls and other foundation features.

For a full list of earthquake damage prevention measures and retrofits ? including a cut-away diagram of where these potential hazards can be found in your home ? download the FEMA brochure *Earthquake Home Hazard Hunt* at <https://go.usa.gov/xGgUr> or download the Utah DEM brochure *Putting Down Roots in Earthquake County* at [https://www.utah.gov/beready/documents/roots\\_earthquake\\_low.pdf](https://www.utah.gov/beready/documents/roots_earthquake_low.pdf).

Meanwhile, you can browse a list of Utah-based licensed contractors, engineers and architects at <https://secure.utah.gov/datarequest/professionals/index.html> or check their licenses at <https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html>.



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Utah residents impacted by the March 18 quake and aftershocks who have not registered with FEMA can still apply for assistance at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** (FEMA) or (TTY) **800-462-7585**. Help is available in most languages.

If you require a reasonable accommodation or an alternative format of available information such as American Sign Language format, or audio format, please submit your request to: [Region8AccommodationRequest@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Region8AccommodationRequest@fema.dhs.gov).

Contact a FEMA Mitigation Specialist at [FEMA-r8-HMhelp@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-r8-HMhelp@fema.dhs.gov) or a DEM Mitigation Specialist at [bereadyutah@utah.gov](mailto:bereadyutah@utah.gov) for more information about making your home and family safer before, during and after an earthquake.

For more information on Utah's recovery from the Magna Quake, visit, [www.fema.gov/disaster/4548](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4548), or <https://earthquakes.utah.gov/magna-quake/>.



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