

CHECKLIST

EARTHQUAKE EVACUATION

Understanding what to do after an earthquake is essential for safety. There could be earthquake aftershocks, or the main tremor may not have occurred yet. Follow these important tips after an earthquake to help keep you, your family and others around you safe.

WHAT TO DO AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE

Take precautions and monitor weather alerts and updates. Follow directions from local authorities.

- Remain inside. Do not rush outside when the tremors stop.
- Activate prepared emergency plans.
- Assess the situation and check for hazards. Rule out gas leaks before striking matches or using appliances.
- Check for injuries and render first aid as needed.
- Monitor emergency media for damage and public safety information.
- Check for obvious structural damage and any resulting hazards, such as fires, gas leaks, exposed/ arcing electrical components and wiring, leaking sewage, broken water pipes, dangling fixtures/ furniture. Leave switches and valves as found unless a hazard exists.
- Have your home surveyed by a qualified structural engineer before re-entry.
- Make plans for temporary alternative shelter, if necessary.

GAS

If there are no fires, leaking gas smells or other dangers, consider leaving the gas supply turned on as it may be the only source of energy available. Report the smell of gas as soon as possible to the utility company and/or fire department, and then take the following precautions:

- Evacuate your home and move to a distance of 100 yards/metres from the residence.
- Monitor and control any possible sources of ignition.
- DO NOT operate electrical switches — leave them as found.
- DO NOT plug in/unplug any electrical cords/appliances.
- Shut off the gas supply to the home at the meter.
- DO NOT reopen a gas valve after a temporary shut-off. When it is safe to do so, the operation should only be performed by a qualified person.

ELECTRICAL

- Treat downed electrical wires as live until confirmed otherwise by a qualified person.
- Maintain a 10-yard/metre distance around downed wires and establish protective barriers, if possible.
- Shut off power to damaged home areas at the circuit breakers where possible.

WATER AND SEWAGE

- Conserve water as much as possible. Water from heaters and toilet tanks can be used but should be treated with iodine tablets.
- Note that water supplies may be contaminated.
- Shut off the water supply to conserve supply and avoid contamination if water or wastewater lines are broken in or near your home.
- Fill all available containers (including bathtubs) with cold water for storage as service may be interrupted by subsequent aftershocks.

As with any plan, take periodic test runs to ensure you and your family is prepared to execute the evacuation plan during an unforeseen emergency.

CRISIS RESOURCES

Be prepared. Know how to respond.

Severe weather, natural disasters and other catastrophic events can cause serious havoc — including property damage, physical injury, emotional trauma, liability claims and even the loss of life. It's important to be prepared so you can protect what matters most and recover as quickly as possible.

HUB Private Client is here to help. Visit HUB Crisis Resources for guides, tips, checklists and other information to help you prepare and respond to potentially destructive events like flood, hurricane and wildfire.

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Speak to a HUB Private Client risk advisor for additional tips and ask how we can help design and secure earthquake coverage that meets your specific needs.

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