

PREPARING FOR EARTHQUAKES

Earthquakes strike suddenly and without warning. According to FEMA.gov, 40% of businesses that close after a disaster never reopen. Assessing vulnerabilities that could become hazards when an earthquake strikes is essential to your safety and the mitigation of potential losses.

PREPARE

- Securely fasten shelves and cabinets to walls
- Place large or heavy objects on lower shelves
- Brace ceiling and overhead light fixtures, cover with protective enclosures and install shatterproof lamps where possible
- Store breakable items in low and closed cabinets with secure latches
- Store flammable and other hazardous products in approved safety cabinets away from sources of ignition
- Secure all equipment with gas or electric lines by strapping to wall studs and/or bolting to the floor

					
Portable Generators	Batteries	Flashlights	Whistles	Weather Radios	Evacuation Equipment
					
Backup Power Systems	Tiedowns	Flammable Cabinets	Shelving and Storage Racks	Two Way Radios	Earthquake Safety Straps

RESPOND

- First assist the injured, moving them only if they are in danger remaining where they are
- Be alert to safety issues created by the devastation of the earthquake
- Avoid entering any buildings with structural or other visible damage until authorized to do so by local officials
- Immediately report any gas leaks, downed or damaged electrical wires, and spilled chemicals or other potentially hazardous materials to authorities or the utility companies
- Use caution when walking through debris
- Watch for animals, broken glass and other materials, or spilled liquids that could cause injury or illness

					
First Aid	Gas Leak Detectors	Cots and Beds	Temp. Emergency Shelters	Emergency Blankets	Gas and Safety Cans
					
Disaster Survival Kits	Tarps	Fire Extinguishers	Chainsaws	Prying Tools	Wheelbarrows
					
Traffic Barricades	Fire and Rescue Tools	EMT and Rescue Supplies	Hand and Portable Lamps	Concrete Power Cutters	

RECOVER

- Activate your communication plan to ensure that everyone is safe and receiving the support they need immediately after the event, and throughout the recovery phase
- Do not enter buildings until cleared by authorities
- When you do enter, be cautious when opening doors and cabinets
- Immediately clean up spilled materials, especially flammable liquids
- Repair and rebuild to mitigate damage to your facility from future disasters
- Work with contractors to reinforce windows and doors
- Reinforce and secure siding, roofs and all tie-downs or anchoring points for exterior equipment and movable structures

					
Garbage Cans	Self Dumping Hoppers	Cleaning Supplies	Trash Bags	Cordless Power Tools	Hand Tools