



Preparing for an Earthquake TV advert/Poster activity

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Prepare for an Earthquake

You're going to see some tips about how to prepare for an earthquake. Nobody knows for certain when or where an earthquake will strike, given that the most violent ones happen as a result of a sudden release of energy.

As you see the tips appear on the screen, make a note of the key points because it will help you in the next task!



Before an Earthquake...

Make sure your wardrobes and shelf units are securely fastened to the wall.

Never hang pictures or mirrors over beds or near to where people sit.

Identify a safe place in each room, e.g. under a table.

Breakable items should be stored low down.

Carry out house repairs – fix any electrical problems or cracks in the wall.

Make sure children know how to dial 999.

Build up a disaster emergency kit with food, water, batteries, torch and radio.

Make sure the family know what to do if they are separated.



If You Are Indoors and An Earthquake Strikes...

If there is no furniture, stay in a doorway.

Do not leave the safety of the house.

Take cover under a piece of furniture – it might be a table or under a sofa.



If You Are Outdoors and An Earthquake Strikes...

Move away from buildings and overhead wires.

Find the nearest open space – a large park or field if possible.

Do not try to enter buildings; often the outside of a building can take the brunt of the damage, and cause debris to fall nearby.



If You Are In a Car and An Earthquake Strikes...

When the earthquake has stopped, remember that the roads may be damaged.

Stay in the car.

When you are in a safe place, stop the car.

Try to drive away from buildings and overhead wires.

After the Earthquake...

Check for your neighbours
and help if you can.

Listen to the radio
for news of what has
happened.

Remember that
aftershocks can
take place –
then follow the
tips again.

Do not go in
damaged
buildings.

Use
telephones
only for
emergencies.

If water pipes
are damaged, do
not drink the
water.

Create an Information Film Storyboard

It's time to pass on your knowledge to others so they can stay safe during an earthquake.

Use the TV storyboard sheets to design your own information film. Each storyboard TV should have a scene drawn on it that shows people what to do **before**, **during** and **after** an earthquake. There is room to write underneath the TV so that everyone knows what you are going to tell people.

Good luck! The safety of the nation is in your hands!

