

Learn How to Secure Your Space



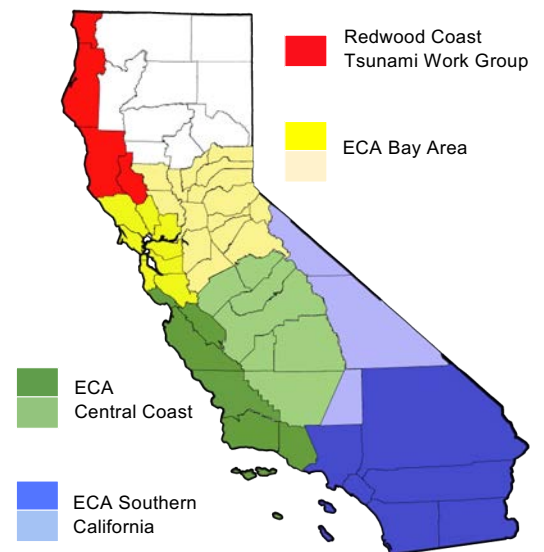
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Earthquake Country Alliance

- 4000+ *Public-Private-Grassroots* leaders
- Statewide *committees* develop resources and deliver programs
- *Regional Alliances* organize meetings and outreach activities
- California's Office of Emergency Services provides NEHRP funding for ECA earthquake mitigation activities
- USC's Statewide California Earthquake Center (SCEC.org) administers ECA



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National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP)

- Cal OES applies to FEMA for NEHRP funding, which is then subawarded to USC for SCEC to administer ECA’s earthquake education, outreach, and mitigation activities.
- NEHRP is a partnership of four federal agencies that provide resources to mitigate and reduce losses caused by earthquakes in the U.S., including support for:
 - Research on the causes and effects of earthquakes
 - Building design recommendations to reduce earthquake damage and disruption
 - Activities that advocate earthquake risk reduction awareness and practices
- ECA also receives funding from NSF and USGS via their support of SCEC.



ECA Statewide Activities

Develop Messaging and Resources:

- EarthquakeCountry.org
- EarthquakeCountry.org/resources
- Terremotos.org



Support Tsunami Preparedness Week:

- TsunamiZone.org/california



**March
23-31
2024**

Created and Coordinate
The Great California ShakeOut:

- ShakeOut.org/california



**Oct. 17
in 2024**

Webinars & other events

- EarthquakeCountry.org/calendar

Seven Steps To Earthquake Safety

BEFORE

1. Secure Your Space



2. Plan To Be Safe



3. Organize Supplies



4. Minimize Financial Hardship



DURING

5. Drop, Cover, and Hold On



6. Improve Safety



AFTER

7. Reconnect and Restore



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Updated Materials in 16 Languages

The collage displays various language versions of the 'Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety' materials. Visible languages include English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and others. Each version features the same seven steps: 1. Secure Your Space, 2. Plan To Be Safe, 3. Organize Supplies, 4. Minimize Financial Hardship, 5. Drop, Cover, and Hold On, 6. Improve Safety, and 7. Reconnect and Restore. The materials include illustrations, text, and logos for EarthquakeCountry.org and ShakeOut.

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Disclaimer

Earthquakes have widely differing impacts based on the location and construction of buildings, and damage to non-structural furniture and other contents can vary widely from building to building, and even from room to room within a building.

As such, Earthquake Country Alliance, the University of Southern California (ECA's administrative home), our partners on today's call, and our state and federal sponsors do not offer any guarantees that the recommended actions and fastener products will prevent all earthquake damage, and do not warrant the performance or effectiveness of any products or guidance provided during this webinar or on listed websites.

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Initial Questions

- Why have you joined us today?
- What sector are you with?

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Today's Presenters

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(Vice President, Ready America)

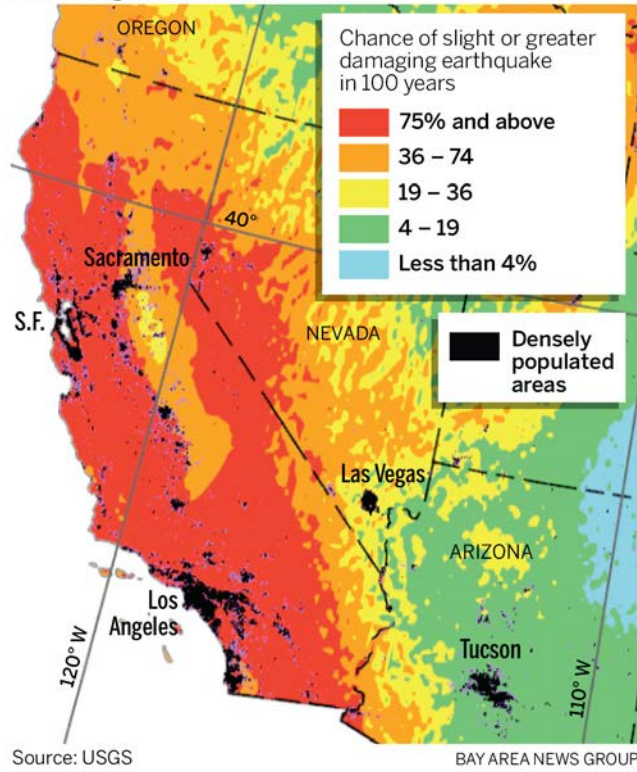
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Today's Topics

- Non-structural earthquake damage mitigation – why?
- A brief history of non-structural anchorage
- Mechanical attachment vs. flexible fastening – recent testing
- Securing:
 - Large furniture in the home (anchor points)
 - Flat-screen televisions (mending)
 - Wall art and items on walls
 - Collectibles and figurines
 - Cabinet doors
 - Water Heaters
- Conclusion and Summary

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EARTHQUAKE POTENTIAL



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Why Non-Structural Retrofit?



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Making Buildings Safer from Nonstructural Earthquake Damage

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) estimates that non-structural aspects account for more than 75 percent of the potential future earthquake-related losses and insurance claims

and also more than 2/3 of all injuries

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Let's go on a Hazard Hunt...

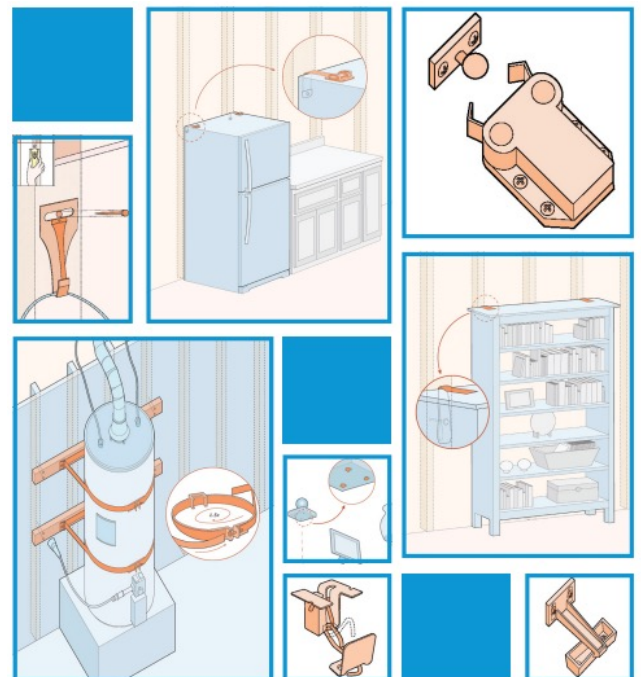
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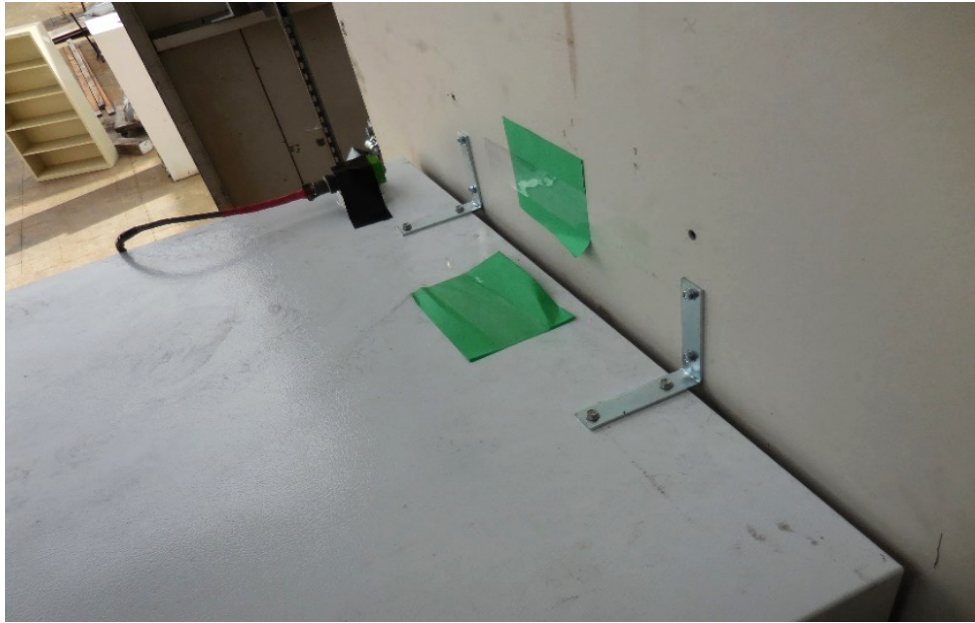
It's Training Time!



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How We Got Here...

A Brief History of Fastening



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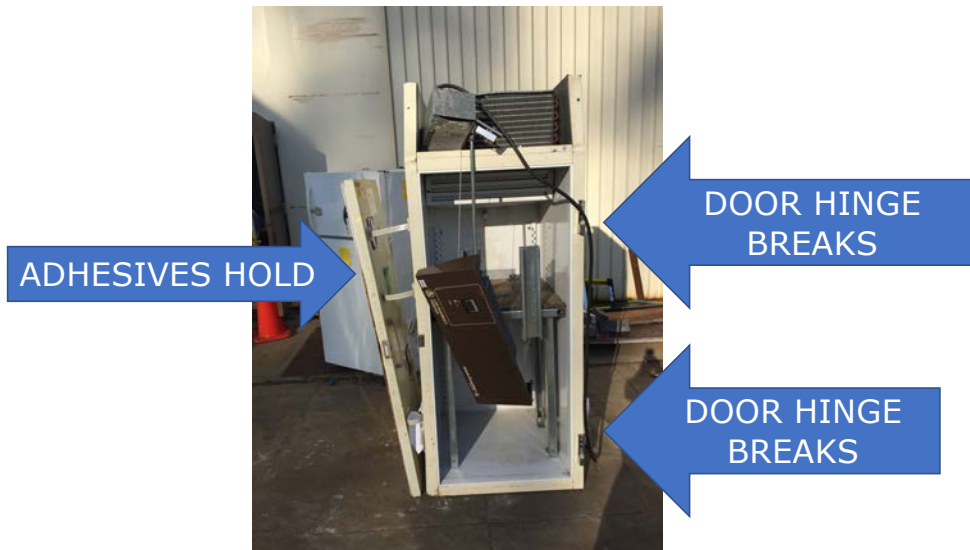
A Brief History of Fastening



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Shake Table Findings



Question 1.1

What holds fasteners to the unit when a positive attachment is not used?

- Double-stick tape
- A quick drying glue
- **A very high bonding (VHB) adhesive tape**
- A silicone sealant

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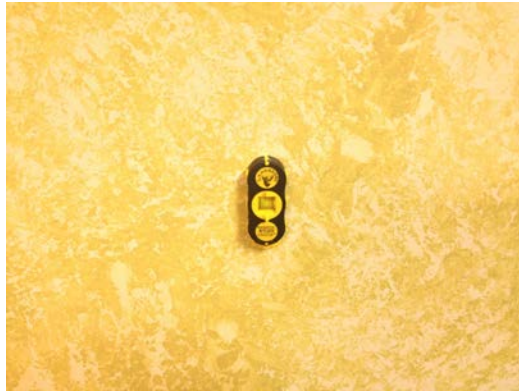
Question 1.2

Today's training will review the best practices for using which of the following methods for securing equipment and furniture?

- Angle clips
- Through bolts
- Chain
- **Flexible fastening**

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WHAT DO I NEED TO GET STARTED?



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Question 2.1

What item do you NOT need to do your home fastening?

- Safety Goggles
- Power Drill
- **L-bracket**
- Studfinder

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Stacked Items in the Home (Mending)



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Question 3.1

What two concepts are critical to consider when securing furniture?

- **Anchor points and mending**
- Density and mass
- Refrigeration or heating
- Color and depth

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Find the Wall Stud – Epic Fail!



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Helpful Hints when Using VHB Adhesive Tape Fasteners



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Question 4.1

Under what circumstance would you use adhesives directly to drywall?

- You cannot find a wall stud
- The drywall is painted with a smooth glossy paint
- The room is a kitchen
- **Under no circumstances do you do this**

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Question 4.2

True or False. When securing a flat-screen TV, it is okay to use the straps to hang the TV right from the wall?

- TRUE
- **FALSE**

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Finding Studs in Older Homes



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Finding Studs in Older Homes

- Outlets are often mounted to the side of wall studs. Drill a small hole to find to either side to find the stud; then measure 16" or 24" left or right to find adjacent studs
- See if your stud finder can locate a nail on the bottom kick plate or framing piece. Often this is where the studs are nailed. Go up from there and try your pilot hole there
- Use a concrete/rebar floor scanner to find nails or studs

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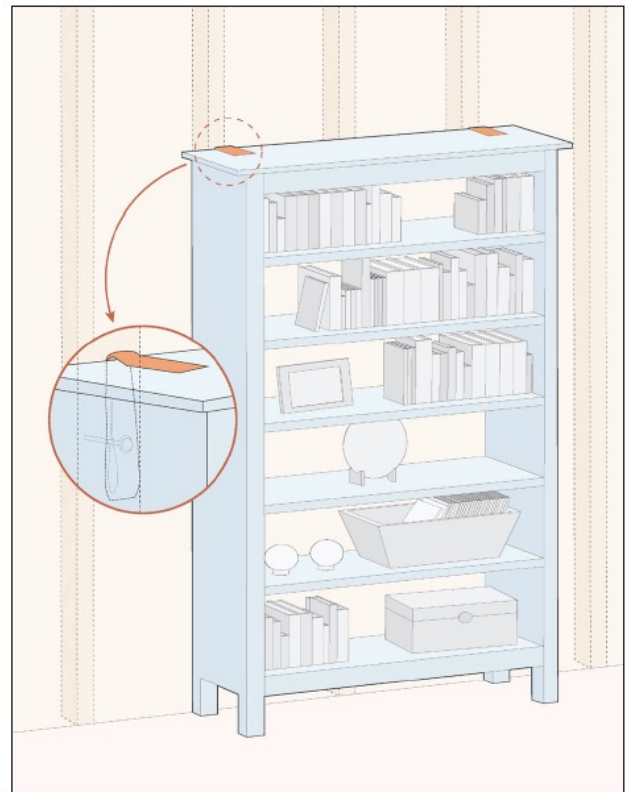
Question 5.1

You want to secure an item in a room with studded walls but cannot locate the wall stud. Which of the following is your next best alternative to securing the item?

- Molly bolt
- Attach adhesive fastener to wall
- Toggle bolt
- **Secure to the floor**

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Securing Furniture to Walls

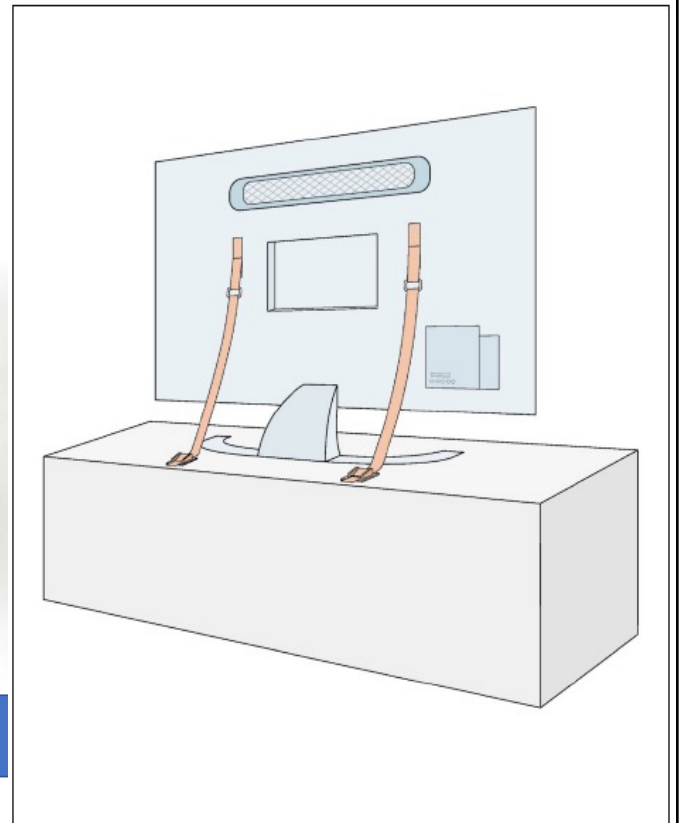


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Securing Televisions (Mending)



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Question 6.1

Which type of surface is best on which place adhesive tape fasteners?

- **Smooth and flat**
- Concave and rigid
- Rough and unfinished
- Moist and convex

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Question 6.2

Onto which of the following surfaces will the VHB bond NOT set?

- Metal
- Plastic
- **Unfinished (Rough) Wood**
- Painted/Sealed Wood Surfaces

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Questions?



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Adhesive Protocol



- Clean
- Sand and clean again (if needed)
- Let dry
- Peel of backing (don't touch adhesive)
- Press (30 seconds)
- Test (30 minutes)

Always use on a smooth, flat, clean surface
Keep out of direct sunlight
Never use on unfinished wood or drywall

Question 7.1

Which of the following is the correct protocol for preparing a surface before placing a fastener?

- **Clean first, then sand, then clean again, then apply the fastener**
- Sand first, then apply the fastener
- Apply the fastener then clean
- Clean first then sand then apply the fastener

Question 7.2

Which of the following is the correct protocol after applying the fastener?

- **Press firmly on the fastener for thirty seconds**
- Simply peel and stick and the fastener is set
- Once the fastener is in place, set the bond with a heat gun
- Once the fastener is in place, use electrical tape over the top of the fastener for four hours

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Let's talk...



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Question 8.1

Which of the following is a NOT good rule of thumb to follow when deciding which type of fastener to use?

- Fasteners should always be multi-directional
- Adhesives hold around 40 lbs. per square inch of fastener size
- Fasteners should always be able to be secured to either the structure or to an element that is secured to the structure.
- **Always ask the sales clerk at the home store which is the best fastener**

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Question 8.2

When securing heavy equipment and furniture to limit earthquake forces, which two bracing methods do engineers never use?

(CHOOSE 2 ANSWERS)

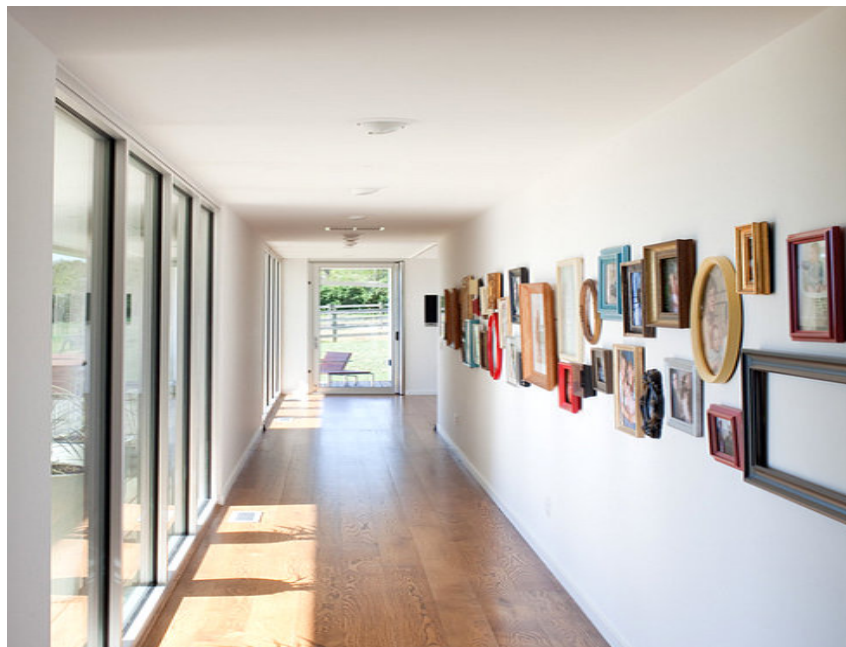
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- Heavy duty steel
- **Gravity**
- Lassos

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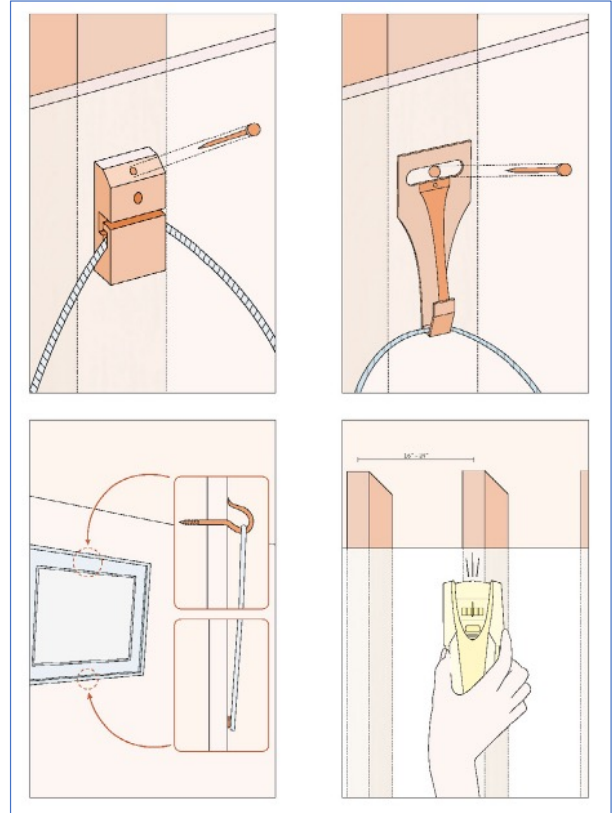
Secure Each Item The Same Way



Securing Wall Art and Items on Walls



Wall Hangings – The “A-maze-ing” Picture Hook



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Travis Reese Ready, America

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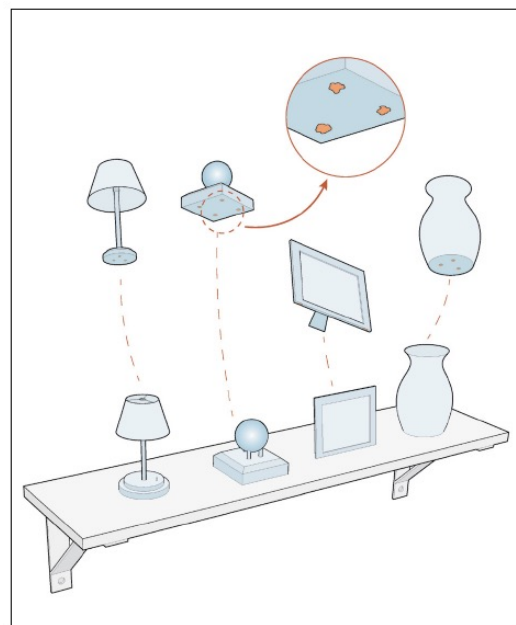
QUESTION 9.1

Closed Picture Hooks and devices such as the Amazing Picture Hook can hold up to 50 pounds when:

- Installed with a hollow wall anchor
- **Screwed /nailed into a stud**
- Glued in place

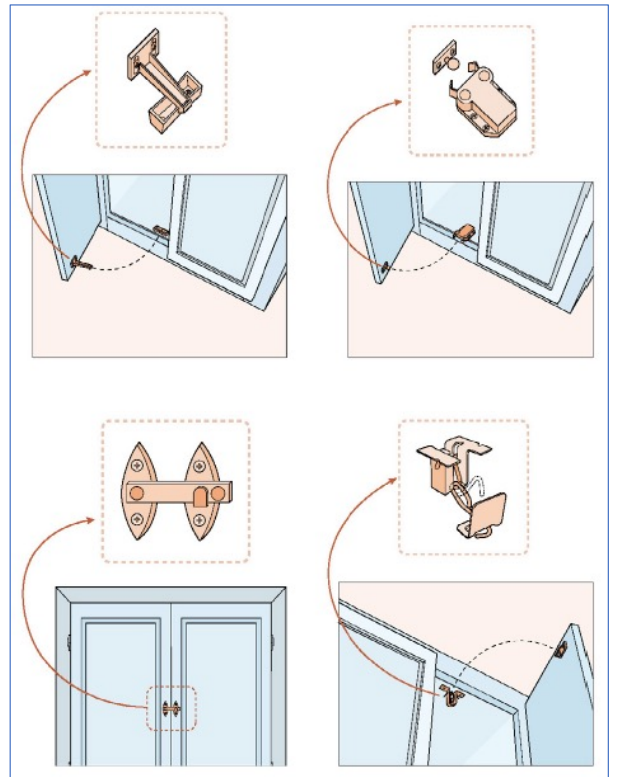
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Securing Collectibles and Figures

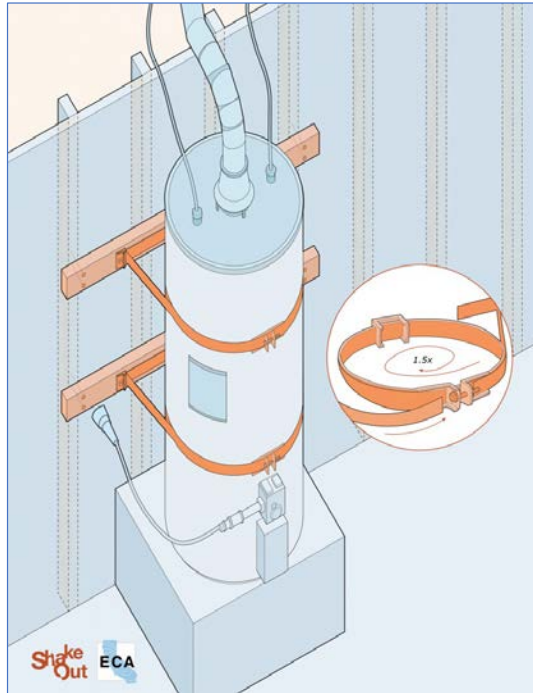


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Securing Cabinet Doors



Securing a Water Heater

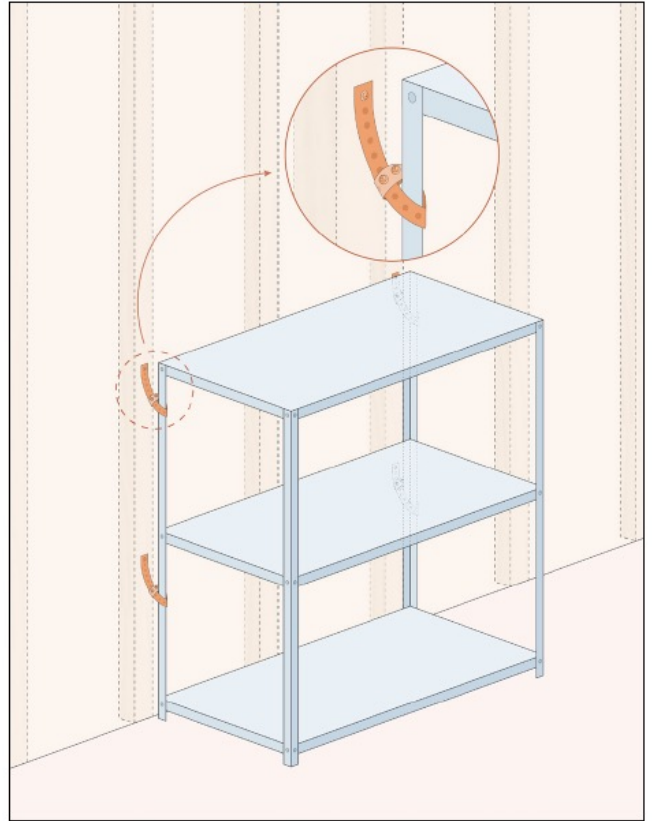


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Securing a Storage Rack



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New Secure Your Space Instructions!

Step 1: Secure Your Space
How to prevent items from falling during earthquakes



Imagine your entire home or workplace being picked up and shaken during an earthquake – even heavy objects can fall or be thrown around! This usually causes the most injuries during earthquakes, and replacing items or repairing damages can also be very costly.

These issues can be prevented through simple actions to secure furniture and other items in place. That's why "Secure Your Space" is Step 1 of the Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety!

Start now by moving tall furniture like bookcases away from beds, sofas, or other places where people spend a lot of time. Move heavy objects to lower locations.

Then continue by securing things such as televisions, dressers, water heaters, cabinet doors, hanging objects, and small objects, following the instructions within this document. Try securing at least one item every weekend until you get everything done. You may need to ask others for help or to borrow tools. Perhaps you might help them too. We're all in this together!




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Secure Your Tall Furniture

Furniture such as bookcases, china hutches, and dressers are top-heavy and can fall over during earthquakes causing damage and injuries, and possibly blocking exits. Flexible fasteners allow furniture to sway slightly without falling over.




- Nylon strap kits available in stores or online screw to the wall at one end and have adhesive pads that stick to the furniture with either velcro or buckle fasteners.
- These must be screwed into wall studs; identify where these are with a stud finder.
- Screw nylon straps to wall studs near each side of the furniture through a pre-punched hole in the strap. These can be hidden behind the furniture.
 - If taller than 6 feet, secure straps to the sides, at 2/3 the height.
- Attach the adhesive end of the strap to the furniture, following the kit's instructions.

Secure Your Television

Televisions can easily tip over or fall during earthquakes. Here are two options to prevent this.

Option 1: Attach the TV to furniture (as shown)



- Use flexible nylon strap packages, with buckle or velcro fasteners, available at hardware stores and online.
- Stick one end of each strap onto the furniture as shown, following the package's instructions.
- Connect the other end to the back of the TV by screwing the strap into TV mount holes, or by sticking adhesive fasteners onto the TV.
- If the furniture the TV is on is tall, properly secure it to studs in the wall using a stud finder to find the correct locations.

Option 2: Attach the TV to a wall with a mounting kit (available where TVs are sold or online). Carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions.

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Thanks for attending ECA's workshop on how to

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