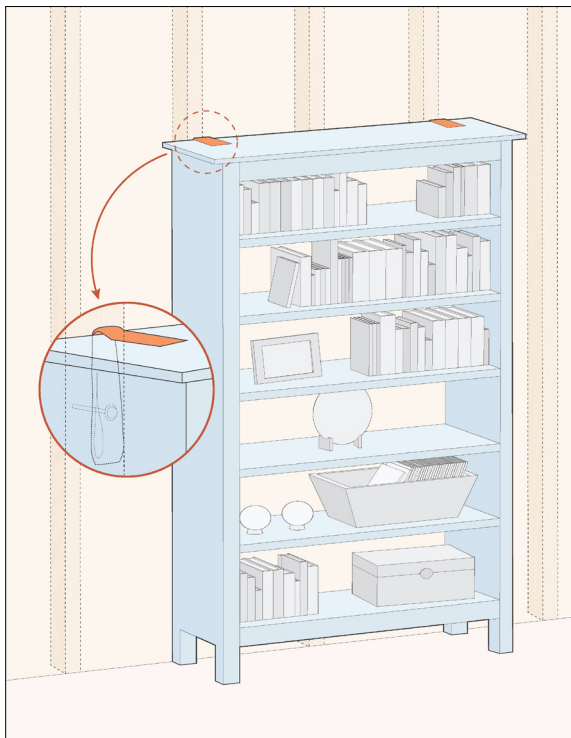


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Furniture such as bookcases, China hutches, and dressers are top-heavy and can fall over during earthquakes causing damage and injuries, and possibly blocking exits. Flexible fasteners allow furniture to sway slightly without falling over.

- 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.

