

Advice on Preparing for a Damaging Earthquake in Nevada

A damaging earthquake can occur in Reno/Sparks, Carson City, Las Vegas, or anywhere in Nevada at any time. Future damaging earthquakes will occur in Nevada; it is only a matter of when. Preparedness is the key to survival.

To ignore this threat and not get prepared for earthquakes is to gamble with your life and your livelihood. We know that being prepared is the key to surviving earthquakes and making the impact on your life as small as possible. Preparedness saves lives, prevents injuries, and saves property from earthquakes.

Nevada is earthquake country, and Nevadans should follow five steps to earthquake safety:

- 1) Know how to react safely when an earthquake occurs – Duck, Cover, and Hold.
- 2) Identify potential earthquake hazards in your home and business, and begin to fix them.
- 3) Create a disaster-preparedness plan.
- 4) Prepare a disaster survival kit.
- 5) Identify your building's earthquake weaknesses, and begin to fix them.

Earthquake preparedness doesn't have to cost a lot of money. Relocate anything that can fall on your bed and injure you while you are sleeping. Keep a sturdy pair of shoes by your bed to avoid cuts on your feet if you have to walk through an area where glass is broken.

For links to helpful earthquake information, please go to <http://www.nbmg.unr.edu/EQ/earthquakes.htm>.

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