

# Immediately After the Earthquake

Steps for Mobile Home Safety from **Emergency Plan Guide**

## Evaluate your new situations/surroundings

1. Be ready to Drop, Cover and Hold On for aftershocks!
2. Do NOT light a candle, DO NOT flip any electrical switches, DO NOT start your car or car radio.
3. If dark, grab nearby flashlight or activate glow stick.
4. Check yourself for injuries, control bleeding with pressure.
5. LOOK OUT BEFORE YOU MOVE. Look ahead for fire, broken glass, fallen objects, liquid spills as you move to . . .
  - a. Immediately get and use fire extinguisher on small fires.
  - b. Get first aid kit if injured.
  - c. Help another person in your home.
  - d. Change into long pants, long sleeves, sturdy shoes, work gloves.
6. Perform *inside* smell, visual and hearing checks:
  - a. Smell gas? Hear hissing that could mean gas leak? Grab shut-off tool, head outside to meter. Leave door open to ventilate.
  - b. Does water work? Check a faucet.
  - c. Electrical sparking or broken walls? Shut off electricity at breaker panel or nearest main (could be inside or outside), exit house. Do not reenter until declared safe.
7. Continue with *outside* check (Take light, gas shut-off tool):
  - a. Can you go safely outside? Is porch stable? Are steps secure?
  - b. Do you see fire?
  - c. Do you hear/smell gas from under the home?
  - d. Is home skirting bent or buckled?
  - e. Do you hear water rushing or dripping?
8. NOTE: If you extend your evaluation to neighboring homes, be sure to go with a partner for safety!

## *If you think you detect leaks . . .*

1. Power Off cell phones or walkie talkies before checking meters.
2. Do not approach utility tower if damaged, leaning, or broken!
3. GAS. If you are sure there is a gas leak, whether inside the home, under home or in street, grab shut-off tool or wrench (or find it attached at meter) and shut off gas at *Gas Meter Main Valve* at your utility tower. ONLY GAS COMPANY CAN RESTORE GAS SERVICE.



Gas On



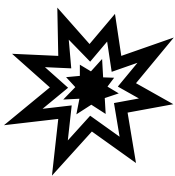
Gas Off

4. Also shut off at *Gas Meter Main Valve* if skirting buckled & piers collapsed, sunken flooring, as may have crushed gas line pipes underneath home.
5. WATER. Shut off *Water Main* if detected water leaking within your home or hear it/see it, outside your home foundation, and look at your Water Meter Main DIAL to see if numbers are spinning. (Spinning means there is a water leak.)
6. ELECTRICITY. Shut Off *Electricity Main Switch* of the Utility Tower if you have broken inside walls, ceiling has fallen or Pier Collapse with buckling of skirting or dropped floors.
  - a. Under the meter reading face is an enclosure box. Pull UPWARD on the panel door to open it by grasping it from below.
  - b. Turn off service disconnect switches inside this enclosure.

If you are unfamiliar with these various shut-offs, take time to learn more now! Get info at your city's CERT meetings, request advice from your contractor or get training from your Neighborhood Emergency Response Group.

## Extended inspection and clean-up

1. If safe, take photos to document damage for insurance.
2. Clean up any bleach or flammable liquid within your home.
3. Text your Out-of-State Emergency Contact.
4. Set Battery Powered or Crank Radio to local Emergency Broadcast channel.
5. Sweep (slowly!) broken glass & small objects out of your frequented paths inside your home.
6. If no Water Leaks, check Your Water Pressure:
  - a. Partially fill a small sink with a stopper then release the water. If it flows freely, the line is clear within your home.
  - b. To prevent sewage leak, plug sinks and bathtub.
  - c. If sink faucet water is still flowing and pipes not leaking underneath the sink, get containers and fill with water and fill a bathtub half full for washing. (Only half-full; there may be big aftershocks!)
7. Survey your home for partial damage, which will be made worse by aftershocks. Remove objects blocking your exits.
8. Outside, push broom broken glass aside carefully, on your own home site.
  - a. Do not place any debris on the street as will impede emergency personnel.
  - b. Wait for park management directions before transporting any debris off your home site, especially broken glass.
9. Cooperate with officials and follow their instructions.



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