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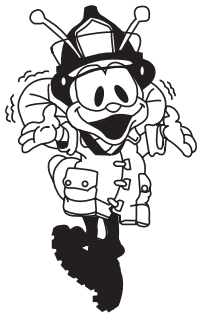

Fireflies

A Safety Newsletter for Kids

Do you have a Quake-Safe Home? Find out if your home is safe and secure during an earthquake by checking off the following items:

- ❑ Place beds so that they are away from large windows.
- ❑ Place beds so that they are away from hanging lights.
- ❑ Place beds so that they are away from heavy mirrors.
- ❑ Place beds so that they are away from framed pictures.
- ❑ Place beds so that they are away from shelves with lots of things that can fall.
- ❑ Replace heavy lamps on bed tables with light, non-breakable lamps.
- ❑ Change hanging plants from heavy pots into lighter pots.
- ❑ Use closed hoods on hanging plants, lamps, etc.
- ❑ Make sure hooks (hanging plants, lamps, etc.) are attached to studs.
- ❑ Remove all heavy objects from high shelves.
- ❑ Remove all breakable things from high shelves.
- ❑ Replace latches, such as magnetic touch latches on cabinets, with latches that will hold during an earthquake.
- ❑ Take glass bottles out of medicine cabinets and put on lower shelves. (PARENT'S NOTE: If there are small children around, make sure you use childproof latches when you move things to lower shelves.)
- ❑ Remove glass containers that are around the bathtub.
- ❑ Move materials that can easily catch fire so they are not close to heat sources.
- ❑ Attach water heater to the studs of the nearest wall.
- ❑ Move heavy objects away from exit routes in your house.
- ❑ Block wheeled objects so they cannot roll.
- ❑ Attach tall heavy furniture such as bookshelves to studs in walls.
- ❑ Use flexible connectors where gas lines meet appliances such as stoves, water heaters, and dryers.
- ❑ Attach heavy appliances such as refrigerators to studs in walls.
- ❑ Nail plywood to ceiling joists to protect people from chimney bricks that could fall through the ceiling.
- ❑ Make sure heavy mirrors are well fastened to walls
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- ❑ Make sure air conditioners are well braced.
- ❑ Make sure all roof tiles are secure.
- ❑ Brace outside chimney.
- ❑ Bolt house to the foundation.
- ❑ Remove dead or diseased tree limbs that could fall on the house.