

Earthquake Hazards Checklist

This checklist identifies potential hazards that can be eliminated to prevent any injury and/or damage in an earthquake. It is useful to complete this checklist before practising earthquake drills.

Completed by _____ Date _____

Potential hazards in earthquakes	
Are exit/evacuation routes clear of any obstructions?	✓
Are hazardous materials stored safely?	
Are sharp objects stored safely when not in use?	
Is furniture (e.g. desks) stable and in good condition?	
Are heavy or large objects (e.g. pot plants, boxes, and stereo equipment, aquariums) located so they won't fall on people, move, or roll during an earthquake (e.g. removed from high shelves)?	
Are mounted objects (e.g. TV monitors, projectors, printers, interactive whiteboards, clocks) secured appropriately?	
Are any hanging objects (e.g. plants, 3D artwork) secured against swinging and breaking windows, or falling?	
Are desks and tables situated to allow people to get under them safely and quickly?	
Are areas where people congregate (e.g. student learning areas) safe from structures or items that could fall on people and cause injury?	
Are trolleys and wheelchairs locked while in class?	
Are portable heaters positioned safely?	

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