

THE 60-MINUTE HOME EARTHQUAKE AUDIT

Sanctuary or Snare?

Start Time: _____ | End Time: _____

ZONE 1: FIRE HAZARD (UTILITIES)

- Locate Gas Shut-off:**
Find the main valve and zip-tie a dedicated wrench to the pipe.
- Locate Water Main:**
Identify the valve to prevent flooding from broken internal pipes.
- Map Electrical Breakers:**
Label the main shut-off so you can find it in the dark.

ZONE 2: TIP-OVER TRAP (ANCHORS)

- Bookshelves and Wardrobes:**
Use L-brackets to anchor anything over 4 feet tall to wall studs.
- Electronics:**
Strap TVs and computer monitors to the desk or wall.
- Wall Decor:**
Hang heavy mirrors and frames on closed-eye hooks, not nails.

ZONE 3: GLASS THREAT (SHATTER ZONES)

- The Bed Check:**
Move beds away from windows or apply safety film to the glass.
- Low-Shelf Shift:**
Move heavy ceramic or glass items from high shelves to floor-level cabinets.
- Cabinet Latches:**
Install push-to-close latches on kitchen cabinets to keep items from flying out.

ZONE 4: GARAGE THREAT (STORAGE)

- Overhead Racks:**
Secure items with bungee cords or netting so they stay put.
- Fluid Safety:**
Store paints, cleaners, and fuel on the lowest shelf in sealed containers.
- Tool Lockdown:**
Anchor heavy saws or jacks, or store them low.



ZONE 5: EXIT TRAP (ESCAPE PATHS)

- The Shimmy Gap:**
Leave at least 6 inches of clearance behind refrigerators and stoves so they won't block doors if they shift.
- Hallway Clearance:**
Move console tables or decorative furniture that could tip and block your path.
- Under-Bed Kit:**
Tie a bag with hard-soled shoes and a flashlight to your bedframe.

HOW TO USE THIS CHECKLIST:

- **First 20 Minutes:** Walk through every room with this list.
- **Next 40 Minutes:** Anchor what you can and move hazards.
- **Every 6 Months:** Repeat this audit to account for new furniture or clutter.