Secure Your Furniture

All furniture waist-high and above should be bolted to the wall to minimize injury during an earthquake.

### Materials Needed
- Cabinet latches
- Brackets
- Lag Screws
- Flathead screws
- Wood trim
- Small nails or brads
- Screw hooks

### Tools Needed
- Screwdriver
- Hammer
- Pliers
- Crescent wrench

### Cabinets
Install positive catching latches. Many variations are available at hardware stores.

### Tall Furniture
Install metal L brackets between furniture and wall stud at top. (The L bracket can be installed inverted so it will be hidden from view.)

### Open Shelves
Install guards across shelves, or wood trim on front of shelves. Place heavy objects on lower shelves.

### Hanging Pictures
Screw hooks into wood members only (stud or ceiling joists). Bend hooks closed to prevent pictures from falling.

### For More Information
For more information, contact Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management (360) 616-5870, the state's Emergency Management office in Olympia (800) 562-6108 or West Sound Chapter, American Red Cross (360) 377-3761.

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