

# Residential Earthquake Hazards Report (2005 Edition)

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| NAME            | ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. |
| STREET ADDRESS  | YEAR BUILT            |
| CITY AND COUNTY | ZIP CODE              |

Answer these questions to the best of your knowledge. If you do not have actual knowledge as to whether the weakness exists, answer "Don't Know." If your house does not have the feature, answer "Doesn't Apply." The page numbers in the right-hand column indicate where in this guide you can find information on each of these features.

|  | Yes  | No                       | Doesn't Apply            | Don't Know               | See Page |
|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. Is the water heater braced, strapped, or anchored to resist falling during an earthquake?   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12       |
| 2. Is the house anchored or bolted to the foundation?  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 14       |
| 3. If the house has cripple walls:   |  |                          |                          |                          |          |
| • Are the exterior cripple walls braced?   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 16       |
| • If the exterior foundation consists of unconnected concrete piers and posts, have they been strengthened?  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 18       |
| 4. If the exterior foundation, or part of it, is made of unreinforced masonry, has it been strengthened?   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 20       |
| 5. If the house is built on a hillside:  |  |                          |                          |                          |          |
| • Are the exterior tall foundation walls braced?   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 22       |
| • Were the tall posts or columns either built to resist earthquakes or have they been strengthened?  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 22       |
| 6. If the exterior walls of the house, or part of them, are made of unreinforced masonry, have they been strengthened?   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 24       |
| 7. If the house has a living area over the garage, was the wall around the garage door opening either built to resist earthquakes or has it been strengthened? | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 26       |
| 8. Is the house outside an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone (zones immediately surrounding known earthquake faults)?                                       | <i>To be reported on the<br/>Natural Hazards Disclosure<br/>Report</i> |                          |                          |                          | 36       |
| 9. Is the house outside a Seismic Hazard Zone (zone identified as susceptible to liquefaction or landsliding)?   |  |                          |                          |                          | 36       |

Keep your copy of this form for future reference

If any of the questions are answered "No," the house is likely to have an earthquake weakness. Questions answered "Don't Know" may indicate a need for further evaluation. If you corrected one or more of these weaknesses, describe the work on a separate page.

As seller of the property described herein, I have answered the questions above to the best of my knowledge in an effort to disclose fully any potential earthquake weaknesses it may have.

## EXECUTED BY

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Seller) (Seller) Date

I acknowledge receipt of this form, completed and signed by the seller. I understand that if the seller has answered "No" to one or more questions, or if seller has indicated a lack of knowledge, there may be one or more earthquake weaknesses in this house.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Buyer) (Buyer) Date

**This earthquake disclosure is made in addition to the standard real estate transfer disclosure statement also required by law.**

**CLAIM FOR SEISMIC SAFETY CONSTRUCTION  
EXCLUSION FROM ASSESSMENT**  
(Section 74.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code)

*This form must be filed with the Assessor prior to, or within 30 days of, completion of construction.*

**SAMPLE FORM**  
for Santa Clara County

| FOR ASSESSOR'S USE ONLY           |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denied   | _____ |
| Reason for denial                 | _____ |
| _____                             |       |

| PROPERTY DESCRIPTION |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Parcel No.(s)        | _____ |
| Address              | _____ |
| _____                | _____ |
| _____                | _____ |

**STATEMENTS**

- As the owner of the property described above, I completed, or will complete, construction on this property on \_\_\_\_\_, and therefore claim the construction exclusion from assessment provided by section 74.5 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.
- I understand this exclusion from assessment is applicable only to seismic retrofitting improvements and improvements utilizing earthquake hazard mitigation technologies, to an existing building or structure and is not applicable to alterations, such as new plumbing, electrical, or other added finishing materials, made in addition to seismic-related work performed on an existing structure.
- I further understand this exclusion from assessment does not encompass the exclusion provided by Revenue and Taxation Code section 70(d) pertaining to the portion of reconstruction or improvement to a structure, constructed of unreinforced masonry bearing wall construction, necessary to comply with any local ordinance relating to seismic safety during the first 15 years following that reconstruction or improvement.
- The property owner, primary contractor, civil engineer, or architect  has  has not certified to the building department those portions of the project that are seismic retrofitting improvements or improvements utilizing earthquake hazard mitigation technologies.

THIS EXCLUSION EXPIRES UPON CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY

**CERTIFICATION**

*I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing and all information hereon, including any accompanying statements or documents, is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

SIGNATURE



DATE

DAYTIME PHONE NO.

( )

Only the owner or a co-owner of the above-described property (including a purchaser under contract of sale) or his or her legal representative may sign.

If you are buying this property under an unrecorded contract of sale and the Assessor does not have a copy of the contract, you must attach a copy to the claim.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE FILED WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.**