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Home Hazard Hunt

During a disaster, ordinary objects in your home can cause injury or damage. Anything that can move, fall, break or cause a fire is a home hazard. For example, a hot water heater or a bookshelf can fall. Inspect your home at least once a year and fix potential hazards.

- Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections.
- Fasten shelves securely.
- Place large, heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Brace overhead light fixtures.
- Secure water heater by strapping to wall studs.
- Repair cracks in ceilings or foundations.
- Store weed killers, pesticides and flammable products in closed cabinets away from heat sources.
- Place oily polishing rags or waste in covered metal cans.
- Clean and repair chimneys, flue pipes, vent connections and gas vents.
- Avoid placing heavy pictures or mirrors on walls above beds.
- Consider bolting bookcases, china cabinets and other heavy furniture to wall studs.