



## Secure hanging light fixtures

### Why

- ▶ Prevents falling fixtures from causing injury, fire hazards, or damage to your home's interior during an earthquake.

### How

- ▶ Install a minimum #9-gauge wire support or slack safety cables to anchor hanging light fixtures and ceiling fans to structural supports in the ceiling. These cables catch the fixture if it breaks loose from its mount. If the fixture's range of motion could cause damage or injury, seismic restraints should limit the fixture's range of motion.

### How to Identify

- ▶ Check chandeliers, pendant lights, or other hanging fixtures—especially in dining areas, stairwells, and entryways. If they sway easily or are only secured by wiring, they likely need additional support. When in doubt, consult a licensed electrician or seismic retrofit specialist for evaluation.