



Secure hanging objects

Why

- ▶ Hanging items like artwork, framed photos, mirrors, and other decorative elements in your home can fall, create glass shards, and cause serious injuries during earthquakes. By ensuring these items are secure, you can protect your family and prevent avoidable damage.

How

- ▶ Attach mirrors, picture frames, and other hanging items to your walls with a closed-loop picture hanger and add earthquake putty or Velcro tabs to the bottom corners for extra strength. Make sure that the hooks or hangers holding any item that weighs more than 20 lbs. penetrate both the wall and the studs behind it.
- ▶ Consider professional help with any item weighing more than 50 lbs., and never place heavy objects over beds, sofas, or seating areas.

How to Identify

- ▶ Check your wall-mounted pictures or decorations to verify that they are secured with hardware like closed hooks vs. nails. Relocate any items positioned above beds, sofas, or other seating.