

# WHAT TENANTS CAN DO



FOR TENANTS

GET AHEAD OF THE NEXT EARTHQUAKE

Take action today to help protect yourself, businesses, homes and communities.

## TAKE ACTION. BE PREPARED.

- ✓ Know multiple ways out of the building in case primary exits are blocked with debris.
- ✓ Talk with your landlord – know their coverage and emergency planning for tenants.
- ✓ Purchase earthquake insurance if you can afford it.
- ✓ Organize with your neighbors to better be able to help each other.
- ✓ Know how, when, and where to shut off gas.
- ✓ Know how to be safe (Drop, cover, and hold).
- ✓ Have a plan that identifies who you can stay with if your building is damaged.

DROP



COVER



HOLD



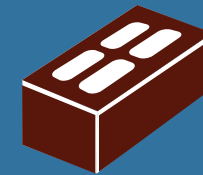
## DO YOU LIVE OR WORK IN A URM?

UnReinforced Masonry

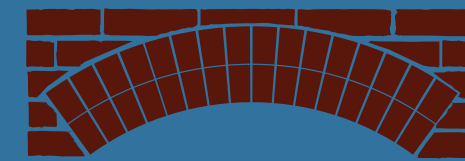
WHAT'S A URM?

A URM (Unreinforced Masonry) is a brick building where the floors and roofs are not structurally connected to the walls.

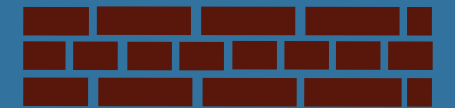
### SIGNS INCLUDE



CLASSIC RED BRICK



ARCHED WINDOWS



ROW OF BRICK ENDS

SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



There are approximately **1000** URM's in Seattle

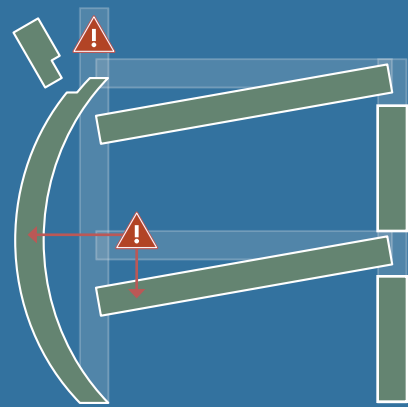
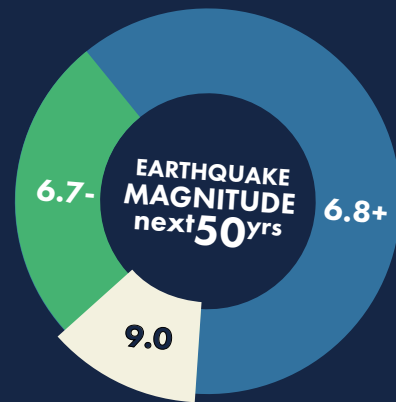
Did you know that

# SEATTLE

is in an earthquake zone?

## SEATTLE IS AT RISK FOR THE BIG ONE

In the next 50 years our region has an **84% chance** of an earthquake of magnitude **6.8 OR GREATER!**

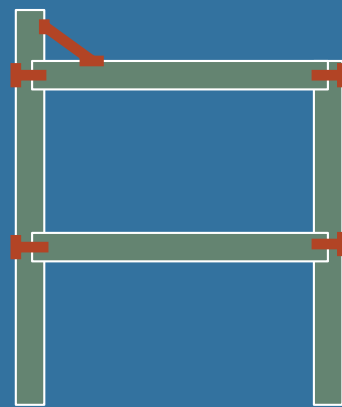


Unreinforced Building

### WHAT HAPPENS TO A URM DURING AN EARTHQUAKE?

Walls pull away from floors and roofs.  
Walls partly or fully collapse, resulting in falling brick.

A building can collapse and cause injury and destroy the building and its contents.



Reinforced Building

## IMPACTS

Beyond the visible loss of community character, quakes can have serious impacts on URM.



INJURY



DAILY LIVING/BUSINESS DISRUPTION



DAMAGE TO INTERIOR PROPERTY



DAMAGE TO BUILDING INVESTMENT

# URM MYTHS

**MYTH: IT SURVIVED THE LAST EARTHQUAKE, IT'S FINE!**

**TRUTH: Unseen damage from past earthquakes is compounded by the next one, which could be stronger.**

**MYTH: I'M NOT THE OWNER, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING.**

**TRUTH: You can be prepared and know what to do when it happens. See the back page to learn what you should do before an earthquake.**

**MYTH: IT WON'T HAPPEN HERE IN MY LIFETIME.**

**TRUTH: It could happen anytime - that's the nature of earthquakes - but you can be prepared.**

**MYTH: THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE CARE OF ME.**

**TRUTH: Government aid doesn't cover everything. Many businesses never reopen and residences may be uninhabitable for a long time.**

SEE HOW YOU CAN PREPARE ON THE NEXT PAGE

