

Signature Pages for

**Residential Environmental Hazards:
A Guide for Homeowners,
Homebuyers, Landlords and Tenants**

**Homeowner's Guide to Earthquake
Safety Earthquake, 2005 Edition**
Includes Gas-Shutoff

**Protect Your Family From Lead
In Your Home 2003 Edition**

**The California Home Energy Rating
System (HERS)**

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HOW TO FILL OUT THE DISCLOSURE FORM

When you sell a home that was built before 1960, you are required to fill out the form shown on the next page.

- Sellers must hand buyers a **completed** disclosure report.
- Sellers must answer the questions to the best of their knowledge.
- If a question on the form describes only part of your house—for example if part of your house is anchored to the foundation and the other part is not—sellers should answer the question with a “NO” because a portion of the house is not properly anchored.
- Sellers are not required to remove siding, drywall, or plaster in order to answer the questions.
- Sellers are not required to hire anyone to inspect their homes.
- Sellers are not required to fix the weaknesses before they sell their homes.



Residential Earthquake Risk Disclosure Statement (2020 Edition)

Name _____ Assessor’s Parcel No. _____

Street Address _____ Year Built _____

City _____ County _____ Zip Code _____

Answer these questions to the best of your knowledge. If any of the questions are answered “No,” your home is likely to have an elevated/disclosable earthquake risk. If you do not have actual knowledge as to whether these risks exist, answer “Don’t Know.” Questions answered “Don’t Know” may indicate a need for further evaluation. If your home does not have the feature, answer “Doesn’t Apply.” If you corrected one or more of these risks, describe the work on a separate page. 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 to resist falling during an earthquake?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14
2. Is your home bolted to its foundation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15
3. If your home has crawl space (cripple) walls:					
a. Are the exterior crawl space (cripple) walls braced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	17
b. 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"/>	19
5. If your home is on a hillside:					
a. Are the exterior tall foundation walls braced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20
b. Are 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"/>	20
6. If the exterior walls of your home are made of unreinforced masonry, either completely or partially, have they been strengthened?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	21
7. If your home has a room over the garage, is the wall around the garage door opening built to resist earthquakes or has it been strengthened?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22
8. Is your home outside an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone (an area immediately surrounding known active earthquake faults)?	<i>To be reported on the Natural Hazard Disclosure Statement</i>				
9. Is your home outside a Seismic Hazard Zone (an area identified as susceptible to liquefaction or a landslide)?	<i>To be reported on the Natural Hazard Disclosure Statement</i>				

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 risks it may have.

EXECUTED BY

_____ Seller _____ Seller _____ Date

I acknowledge receipt of the *Homeowner’s Guide to Earthquake Safety* and this Disclosure Statement, completed and signed by the seller. I understand that if the seller has answered “No” to one or more questions, or if the seller has indicated a lack of knowledge, there may be one or more earthquake risks in this home.

_____ Buyer _____ Buyer _____ Date

This Disclosure Statement 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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

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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.

Property Address:

I have received a copy of the **WHAT IS YOUR HOME ENERGY RATING?** booklet (CEC-400-2009-008-BR-REV1)

Buyer's Signature Printed Name Date

Buyer's Signature Printed Name Date

Buyer's Agent Signature Printed Name Date

Broker's Name

Seller's Signature Printed Name Date

Seller's Signature Printed Name Date

Listing Agent's Signature Printed Name Date

Broker's Name

ALL SIGNERS SHOULD RETAIN A COPY OF THIS PAGE FOR THEIR RECORDS



California Civil Code Section 2079.10 states that if this booklet is provided to the buyer by the seller or broker, then this booklet is deemed to be adequate to inform the home buyer about the existence of California Home Energy Rating Program.

For more information, visit: www.energy.ca.gov/HERS/index.html