

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)**

Provided by





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 Hazards Report (2005 Edition)

NAME	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.
STREET ADDRESS	YEAR BUILT
CITY AND COUNTY	ZIP CODE

Answer these questions to the best of your knowledge. If you do not have actual knowledge as to whether the weakness exists, answer "Don't Know." If your house does not have the feature, answer "Doesn't Apply." 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, strapped, or anchored to resist falling during an earthquake?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12
2. Is the house anchored or bolted to the foundation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14
3. If the house has cripple walls:					
• Are the exterior cripple walls braced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16
• 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"/>	20
5. If the house is built on a hillside:					
• Are the exterior tall foundation walls braced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22
• Were 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"/>	22
6. If the exterior walls of the house, or part of them, are made of unreinforced masonry, have they been strengthened?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	24
7. If the house has a living area over the garage, was the wall around the garage door opening either built to resist earthquakes or has it been strengthened?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	26
8. Is the house outside an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone (zones immediately surrounding known earthquake faults)?	<i>To be reported on the Natural Hazards Disclosure Report</i>				36
9. Is the house outside a Seismic Hazard Zone (zone identified as susceptible to liquefaction or landsliding)?					36

Keep your copy of this form for future reference

If any of the questions are answered "No," the house is likely to have an earthquake weakness. Questions answered "Don't Know" may indicate a need for further evaluation. If you corrected one or more of these weaknesses, describe the work on a separate page.

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 weaknesses it may have.

EXECUTED BY

(Seller) (Seller) Date

I acknowledge receipt of this form, completed and signed by the seller. I understand that if the seller has answered "No" to one or more questions, or if seller has indicated a lack of knowledge, there may be one or more earthquake weaknesses in this house.

(Buyer) (Buyer) Date

This earthquake disclosure is made in addition to the standard real estate transfer disclosure statement also required by law.

I found the booklet, *The Homeowner's Guide to Environmental Hazards and Earthquake Safety (with gas shut-off valve update)* which includes the *Federal Lead booklet and Toxic Mold Update*:

- Helpful
- Too detailed
- Not detailed enough
- Clearly written
- Confusing
- The booklet helped me to locate earthquake weaknesses in my home.
- I have strengthened my home to resist earthquakes.
- I plan to fix my home's earthquake weaknesses.
- The booklet helped me find out that my home did not have any earthquake weaknesses.

The year my home was built was _____.

Comments: _____

We Want To Hear From You!

California Seismic Safety Commission
1900 K Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, California 95814-4186

To Whom It May Concern: I have received a copy of the Environmental Hazards and Earthquake Safety (with gas shut-off valve update) which includes the Federal Lead booklet and Toxic Mold Update, and Home Energy Rating booklet.

Property Address: _____

Date _____ Time _____
(Buyer's signature) (printed name)

Date _____ Time _____
(Buyer's signature) (printed name)

Date _____
(Buyer's Agent's signature) (printed name) (Broker's name)

NOTE: For applicable transactions, it is also necessary to complete C.A.R. Standard form FLD-11 (Lead-based paint and Lead-based paint Hazards Addendum, Disclosure and Acknowledgement.)

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

California Civil Code Section 2079.10 states that if the HERS 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.

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Property Address: _____

Date _____ Time _____
(Seller's signature) (printed name)

Date _____ Time _____
(Seller's signature) (printed name)

Date _____
(Listing Agent's signature) (printed name) (Broker's name)

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**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. () _____

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.

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Property Address:



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

Buyer's Signature Printed Name Date

Buyer's Signature Printed Name Date

Buyer's Agent Signature Printed Name Date

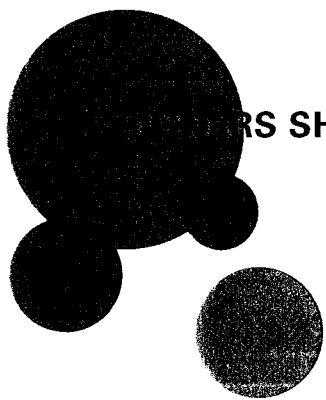
Broker's Name

Seller's Signature Printed Name Date

Seller's Signature Printed Name Date

Listing Agent's Signature Printed Name Date

Broker's Name



BUYERS SHOULD RETAIN A COPY OF THIS PAGE FOR THEIR RECORDS

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