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Cabinet Safety

When the ground shakes during an earthquake, cabinet doors can open, causing the contents to fall out and potentially break. Glass jars and dishes can break and cause injuries and damage. Here are a few techniques to help you secure your cabinets.

Secure Kitchen Cabinets

To prevent cabinet doors from flying open, install one of the following types of latches:

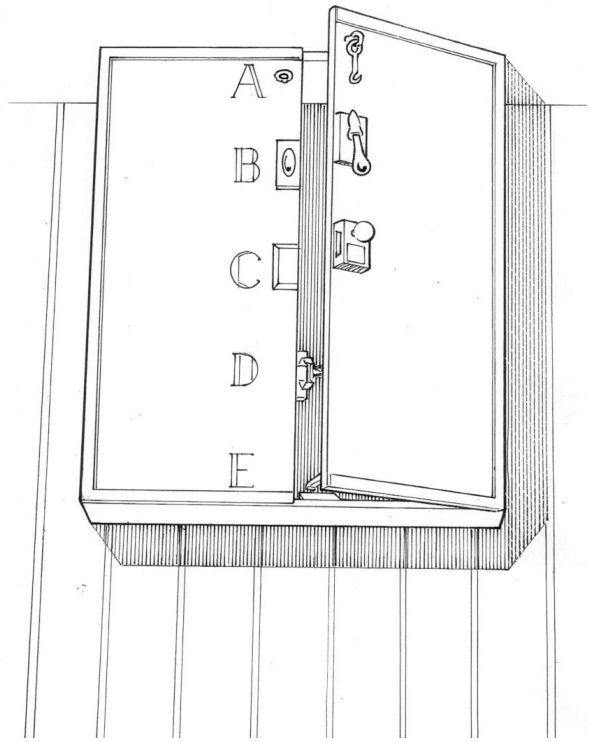
A – Hook and Eye

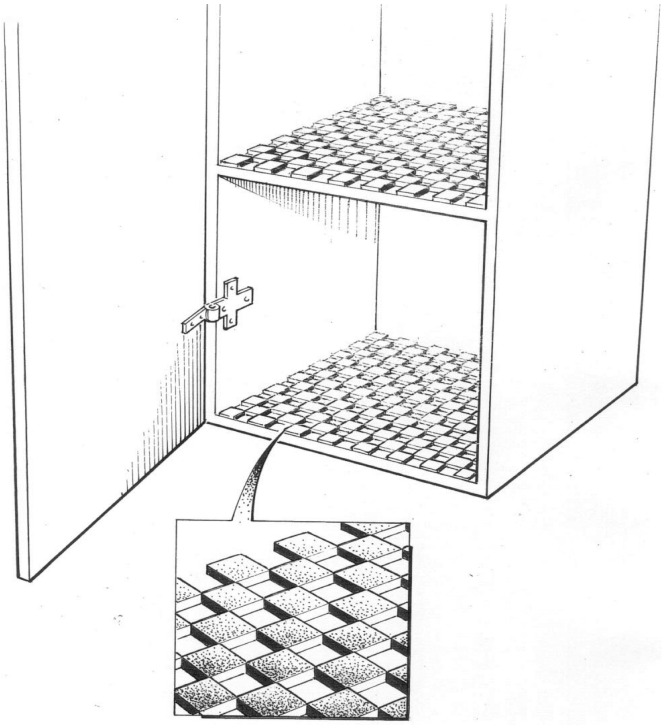
B – Standard Latch—mounts on the front of door; you do not have to close every time

C – Standard Latch—mounts on front of door & automatically closes

D – Push Latches

E – Child Proof





Secure Cabinet Contents

The contents of cabinets may shift and break during an earthquake. To help prevent this movement, line your cabinets with rubberized shelf mats.

This material is typically sold in rolls or pre-cut squares at hardware and variety stores.

For more information, call 206-233-5076.