



September

Bolt It • Brace It • Do It!

Home Retrofit Program

Protecting Wood Framed Homes from Earthquakes

During an earthquake, the strength of a home is put to the test. Ground forces try to tear the home apart and in many cases, cause severe damage. It's important that the structural frame of your home is strong enough to absorb an earthquake's energy.

Why Should I Retrofit My Home?



Certain types of homes are more likely to need a seismic retrofit than others. If you answer yes to any of these questions, you should consider retrofitting your home.

5 Questions to ask Yourself

1. Am I living in an area prone to earthquakes?
2. Was my home built prior to 1985?
3. Is my home built on a raised foundation?
4. Is my home built on a hillside?
5. Do I have a garage?

Free Retrofit Class Offered!

A "Bolt it-Brace it-Do it" Home Retrofit class for homeowners is being offered through a partnership with the Homebuilders Association of Kitsap County, Kitsap County Emergency Management, Olympic Peninsula Chapter International Code Council, Building Departments of Kitsap County and Simpson Strong-Tie. This 3-hour courses will cover:

- Home evaluation
- Permit process
- Proper bolt and plate installation
- Safety and engineering solutions

With this information, homeowners will be able to retrofit their home themselves or be a knowledgeable client when hiring a professional contractor to provide this service. Builders, contractors, engineers, architects and inspectors, will learn techniques to enhance their skills, allowing them to expand their business into new areas.

For more information and class dates, contact KCDEM at 360.307.5870 or visit www.kitsapdem.org

