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The “Get Ready Pyramid” combines different things people can do to get ready for earthquakes and other disasters. Layers of the pyramid are organized by cost, with activities that are completely free at the bottom, and increasing in cost as one moves up the pyramid.

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Everyone can do something to get ready.

**1 Learn How to Be Ready**  
**1** Everyone can learn how to get ready. The base of the pyramid includes learning what to do to stay safe during an earthquake, and learning about all the other layers.  
• *Learn where to get more information.*

**2 Plan & Organize**  
**2** Everyone can plan what to do when disaster strikes. This involves making plans for what to do before, during, and after a disaster.  
• *Make a household disaster plan.*  
• *Duplicate important documents.*

**3 Train & Practice**  
**3** Training provides skills that are critical during disasters. Practicing these skills and disaster plans can make a difference.  
• *Receive first aid and CERT training.*  
• *Practice evacuation plans.*

**4 Manage Supplies & Equipment**  
**4** Once people know what kinds of supplies they need, they can determine what they already have on hand and what they need to get.  
• *Stockpile food, water, and supplies.*  
• *Keep supplies in strategic locations.*

**5 Secure Building Contents**  
**5** Many of the things people can do to secure the things in their buildings are free. Some things, like latches and brackets, are low cost.  
• *Reorganize shelves and cupboards.*  
• *Attach heavy furniture to walls.*

**6 Protect Building Structure**  
**6** Protecting the structure of buildings is a more costly investment, and an important part of getting ready for many people.  
• *Have home evaluated for safety.*  
• *Bolt home to foundation.*

**7 Safeguard Finances**  
**7** At the top of the pyramid, investing in ways to safeguard finances is a more costly outlay. Not all will benefit, but it can make a great difference for some people.  
• *Purchase earthquake insurance.*

People may already have done many of the things that they need to “Get Ready.”

Many things may already be in place. 