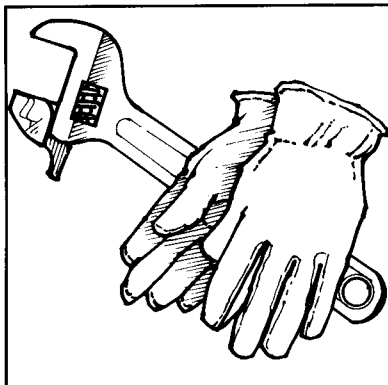


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HAND TOOLS & LEATHER WORK GLOVES



WHY

You may be the first responder!

After an earthquake, you may need to assist with light search and rescue, debris removal, and clean-up. Hand tools such as a crowbar, shovel, ax, and hammer, as well as leather work gloves, will help you perform such tasks more easily and safely.

Prepare now to help family members, friends, and co-workers who may be trapped in a future disaster. Obtain and learn how to use the hand tools that are recommended on the back of this Focus Sheet.



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HAND TOOLS

Include the following hand tools in your home, car, or work kit:

- Adjustable wrench:** To turn off the gas if you suspect a leak.
- Ax:** To cut fallen trees or pieces of lumber that are trapping family members, friends, co-workers, and others or are blocking exit routes.
- Broom, dustpan:** To remove broken glass or other small pieces of debris.
- Crowbar:** To pry open jammed doors and windows for emergency exit.
- Hammer and nails:** To assist in household repair and boarding up broken windows.
- Pliers:** To safely grip sharp or jagged objects.
- Saw:** To cut plywood for boarding up broken windows, patching roofs, and securing doors.
- Shovel:** To remove moderate-sized pieces of debris.

LEATHER WORK GLOVES

You may encounter several hazards while you assist with light search and rescue, debris removal, and clean-up. Obtain several pairs of leather work gloves and store them in your home, work, and car kits. Wear them to protect your hands from abrasions, burns, cuts, puncture wounds, and other injuries caused by:

- broken concrete
- broken glass
- most household chemicals
- nails
- splinters

Leather work gloves can also protect your hands while you replace broken windows and handle other sharp objects.

OTHER ITEMS

Several other items can protect you while cleaning up after an earthquake. Consider including the following in your earthquake kits:

- Dust mask and goggles:** To protect you from inhaling dust and to protect your eyes while you look for damage in your home or workplace.
- Hard hat:** To protect your head from falling objects while you check for damage in your home or workplace.
- Sturdy shoes:** To protect your feet from abrasions, burns, cuts, puncture wounds, and other injuries caused by:
 - broken concrete
 - broken glass
 - most household chemicals
 - nails
 - splinters

You also might want to include the following items in your kits:

- duct tape
- flashlights
- grease remover
- plastic sheeting
- rope
- screwdrivers

Store all of these items with your other emergency supplies.

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