

Dear Friends,

We have all recently experienced earthquakes in our region which had their epicentre in Nepal for which we all weep and support. In spite of that the tremors have been long and strong in NCR. I can understand that at a time like this the first thing which comes to one's mind is safety of friends and family. As you are aware that we are developing many high rise buildings in the NCR region I would like to share some views on the above.

1. All our buildings are designed as per Zone - 4 for earthquake resistant which is as per the national building codes and the law of the land.
2. You might have felt the buildings swing on almost all floors, which is an indication of a good and a safe design.
3. You would have seen certain superficial cracks between masonry work and column/beams which is very natural in these circumstances and are definitely not structural but superficial.
4. I would like to share with you certain aspects you need to be aware of and embrace during and after an earthquake.

During an Earthquake:

- Take cover in a safe place in your house. Get under a study table or desk to avoid being hit by anything. If you can't take safe cover, protect your head and neck with your arms.
- Stay away from windows and furniture that could potentially fall over. One of the biggest hazards during an earthquake is falling debris and furniture. Avoid areas in your house where you might be exposed to these hazards.
- If you are already indoors do not try and go outside until after the shaking stops. You are safer taking cover inside than attempting to leave your house during an earthquake you could be hit by falling debris as you're trying to get out or stampede. (Definitely most difficult 😊)

After an Earthquake:

- Be prepared for aftershocks. Earthquakes are often followed by aftershocks additional quakes that follow the main event. These can last for days or even weeks after a major earthquake.
- Check yourself and others for injuries. Provide first aid for anyone who needs.
- If you are at work/school, follow the emergency plan or the instruction of person in charge.
- Check your gas lines and make sure there are no leaks. If you smell gas leaking, turn off the gas if possible and call the gas company. Do not use an open flame in your house until you are sure it is safe. Wait for the gas company to turn the gas back on.
- Check for damaged electrical wiring. Shut off the power if you see damaged wiring in your house.
- Keep your shoes on. You may have broken glass or spilled chemicals on the floor of your house as a result of the earthquake. Don't walk around barefoot until you're sure the floor is clean and safe.
- Document the damage. If your insurance policy covers earthquake damage, make sure you document the damage by taking photos or videos of the damage to use in the claim process.

I hope this is helpful and rests the anxiety levels which must have gone up understandably.

Kind Regards,

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