

ESP FOCUS



HOLD DOWN THE FORT



WHY

To prevent injuries and property damage!

Even moderate earthquakes can generate enough ground shaking to topple tall, unsecured pieces of furniture and turn seemingly harmless objects in your house or office into dangerous flying objects.

The magnitude-6.8 Northridge earthquake caused 57 deaths, more than 8,700 injuries and billions of dollars in property losses.

Reduce your risk of injury and increase the safety of valuable objects by securing pictures, mirrors, cabinets, bookcases, computers, televisions and other heavy household objects.

Conduct a home hazard hunt and follow the steps outlined on the reverse side of this Focus Sheet to secure your furniture. (The Summer 1993 Bulletin features a home hazard checklist that can help you identify potentially dangerous objects.)



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J U L Y

Materials Needed

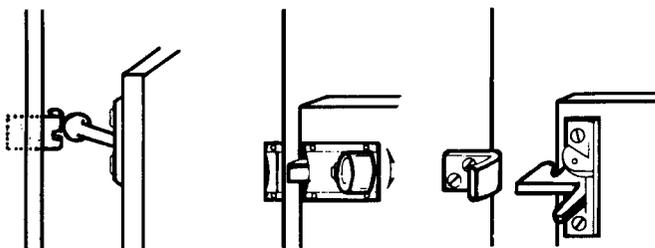
- Cabinet latches
- Brackets
- Lag screws
- Flat head screws
- Wood trim
- Small nails or brads
- Screw hooks

Tools Needed

- Screwdriver
- Hammer
- Pliers
- Adjustable wrench

Cabinets

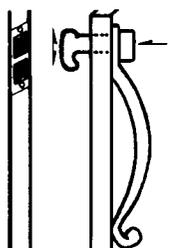
Install positive catching latches. Many variations are available.



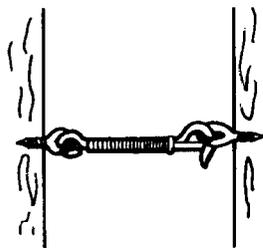
Childproof
(Out of Sight, inexpensive, easy to install)

Decorative
(Turn knob to open)

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(Pull back handle to open)



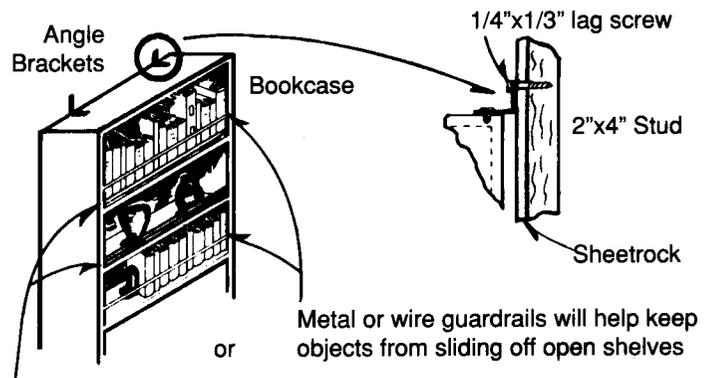
Decorative
(Release button in handle)



Hook and Eye
(Suitable for garage cabinets)

Tall furniture

Install metal "L" brackets between furniture and wall stud at the top. (The "L" can be installed inverted so it will be hidden from view.)



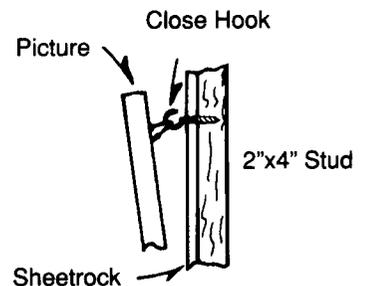
Secure piece of wood molding to lower edge of each shelf

Open Shelves

Install guard across shelf, or install wood trim on front of shelf. Place heavy objects on lower shelves.

Hanging pictures

Screw hooks into wood members only (stud or ceiling joists). Close hooks used for hanging pictures to prevent their falling.



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