

Tenants

Do-it-yourself Inspections

Not sure whether your home has sustained damage? Not sure what to look for?

If you are concerned about the state of your house the places to look for damage are:

- In concrete foundations – cracks running downwards, especially near a corner of your house, but can occur anywhere.
- Exterior brick walls – cracks appear to be more common starting at the ends of the window sills and running diagonally down to the foundations, these can be very fine and more likely to be in the cement mortar that cracked than in the bricks themselves.
- Look for cracks around the base of brick chimneys.
- Check your toilet bowl as the shaking may have loosened the bolts into the floor and the joints can leak at the back.
- Check there are no leaks around the pipes in and out of the top and bottom of your hot water cylinder.
- Damage inside is easier to spot – cracks in the plaster walls, ceiling and around door jambs etc are all caused by the earthquake.
- Check for doors jamming.
- If you have insulation and down-lights, the earthquake may have moved the insulation, check it is not covering the down-lights as this could cause a fire.

Have a careful look when its good daylight and note down any cracks you see.

With time running out for your landlord to make a claim to EQC it is important you let them know immediately any damage you see.

Please remember always talk to your landlord about your concerns.



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