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GET READY. STAY READY.

Emergency Tip of the Month

Television sets or heavy furniture toppling onto children in your care is a real threat. This risk occurs in minor earthquakes, but also in everyday interaction. Children attempt to climb shelving units to retrieve toys that are most often stored on the top shelf. If the unit is not securely fastened to a wall or floor, there is a high risk that it may fall on the child.

With that said, here are four tips on how to child proof heavy items and furniture in your child care program:

1. Do not store heavy objects on open shelves or cabinets over 3 feet. This includes but is not limited to television sets, fish tanks, computers, printers, huge rolls of paper and heavy boxes.
2. Strap your television set to the wall regardless of how high off the floor it is. Home improvement stores carry brands such as Quake Straps designed specifically for this purpose.
3. Furniture over 4 feet high such as cubbies, shelves, and storage cabinets need to be bolted to the wall or floor. Bolts can also be found at your local home improvement store.
4. Share these tips with your parents.



FOR OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD CARE PROGRAM, CALL THE YMCA CHILDCARE RESOURCE SERVICE AT 1-800-481-2151.