FIRE SAFETY

☐ Know the location of your home’s electrical box, gas meter, and water shut off valves.
☐ Keep a 10 inch crescent wrench near the gas valve and know how to use it. Turn off the valve only when you are sure there is a leak. It may take two to three weeks for the gas company to relight the pilots.
☐ Keep a fire extinguisher near the kitchen (5 lb., ABC type or a 2A-10BC).
☐ Install smoke detectors on each level of your home and test and change the batteries annually.
☐ Repair or replace unsafe appliances and faulty wiring.
☐ Plan two escape routes out of each room.
☐ Keep yard clear of combustible material.
☐ Remove toxic and flammable material from home and garage.
☐ Teach family members to stay low to the ground when escaping from fire.
☐ If there is a fire, get out and do not go back inside.

BUILDING

☐ Have your house inspected for unsafe construction, unreinforced masonry, and non-ductile concrete.
☐ Bold wood frame buildings to the foundation.
☐ Brace cripple walls (the short walls that connect the foundation to the floor and enclose the crawl space).
☐ Secure water heater and install flexible gas piping.
☐ Secure cabinets, bookcases, and shelves to the wall.

GENERAL SAFETY

☐ Remove heavy objects from top shelves.
☐ Fasten hanging mirrors, pictures, and frames etc. to the wall.
☐ Keep bed and favorite chairs away from windows, book cases, and other heavy objects that could fall on you.
☐ Install safety latches on cabinets.
☐ Close blinds and curtains each night to protect yourself from broken windows.
☐ Create a personal support network. Identify a friend or neighbor, and agree to check on each other after an earthquake or disaster.
☐ Meet with your neighbors and create a neighborhood preparedness plan and watch group.

The Fire Department provides home safety inspections through Operation: Fire Safe. To schedule your inspection or to request additional information, contact the San Marino Fire Department and (626) 300-0735 or email fire@cityofsanmarino.org.