

What the system for managing earthquake-prone buildings means for you

Knowing and understanding the system for managing earthquake-prone buildings is important for everyone. The focus of the system is protecting people from harm in an earthquake.

Territorial authorities, engineers and building owners have key responsibilities for managing earthquake-prone buildings, to help identify priority buildings in their district.

Building users and communities will have better access to information about earthquake-prone buildings and may be asked for their input if their district has priority buildings

Up-to-date information on earthquake-prone buildings, and earthquake ratings, will help people understand how buildings are expected to perform in a moderate earthquake.

Read more about roles and responsibilities below.

In this section

[Territorial authorities and earthquake-prone buildings](#)

Territorial authorities need to consider which seismic risk areas apply and what information they have on buildings.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/territorial-authorities-earthquake-prone-buildings/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/territorial-authorities-earthquake-prone-buildings/)

[Engineers, other building professionals and earthquake-prone buildings](#)

Building professionals will need to advise and assist owners of earthquake-prone buildings.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/engineers-earthquake-prone-buildings/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/engineers-earthquake-prone-buildings/)

[Owners of potentially earthquake-prone buildings](#)

There are things you must do if your territorial authority notifies you that your building is earthquake prone.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/owners-of-earthquake-prone-buildings/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/owners-of-earthquake-prone-buildings/)

[Users of earthquake-prone buildings](#)

The system will give users of earthquake-prone buildings better information about potential earthquake risk.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/users-earthquake-prone-buildings/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/users-earthquake-prone-buildings/)
