



## #1 : GET TECHNICAL ADVICE BEFORE YOU START

The recommendations provided in this leaflet/poster should help you to build back safer than before in stone.

1. You can build a house out of many different materials such as stone, bricks, timber or concrete, but the most important thing is that you know how to use the materials properly or find a mason to build the house who does. **A badly built house in any material can be dangerous!**
2. These messages are based on what made houses fall down and why some stone houses stood up. They are **not intended as a substitute for training but just to help explain basic principles of strong stone houses.**
3. It is important to register your damaged home with the local authorities before you begin rebuilding, and speak to them about **building permits** and how you can follow the **building codes.**
4. The government is planning a major reconstruction assistance program which will include training in earthquake resilient construction methods.
5. Ensure you or masons helping you build your house are trained in earthquake resilient construction methods.



6. If you have any questions seek technical assistance from a trained mason or your local authority.
7. These tips are only as general guidance for small traditional houses made from stone, if you are building bigger buildings or using other materials there are many other things you must consider! **Get technical advice, use trained masons, and build back safer!**

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