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# Rio Dell Earthquake – Resident Handout

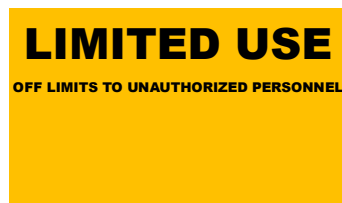
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## What's this placard by my door mean?

The placards are a notice that your life is at threat from a probable aftershock earthquake. Even if you have only received a green placard, you should take action to protect yourself by relocating to a shelter or other safe structure.



Lawful occupancy is permitted however **it is strongly recommended to relocate to a shelter or other safe structure until the threat of aftershocks has passed.**



Your home should be used to access personal items only. In special cases inspectors have specified the use limitation on your placard. Follow the direction on the placard.



You should not occupy or enter your home until the threat of aftershocks has passed and the damage has been repaired.

## What if I am unable to find alternative housing?

You may occupy your residence at your own risk. The Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services is operating a non-emergency line for welfare checks and other information: 707-268-2500. Check to see what housing services are being offered.

## How can I protect myself from future earthquakes?

The owner will need to hire a licensed contractor and/or a design professional to shore up damage done and protect against future earthquakes. The Earthquake Brace and Bolt website ([www.earthquakebracebolt.com/Homeowner-Resources](http://www.earthquakebracebolt.com/Homeowner-Resources)) is a good resource for this. Find premade plans for seismic retrofitting at ([www.earthquakebracebolt.com/Homeowner-Resources/Do-It-Yourself](http://www.earthquakebracebolt.com/Homeowner-Resources/Do-It-Yourself)).

## Who can I call to get in contact with licensed contractors and design professionals in Humboldt County?

The Humboldt Builders Exchange 2022 Referral Guide ([www.humbx.com/2022-referral-guide](http://www.humbx.com/2022-referral-guide)) contains a list of licensed contractors and design professionals in the area.