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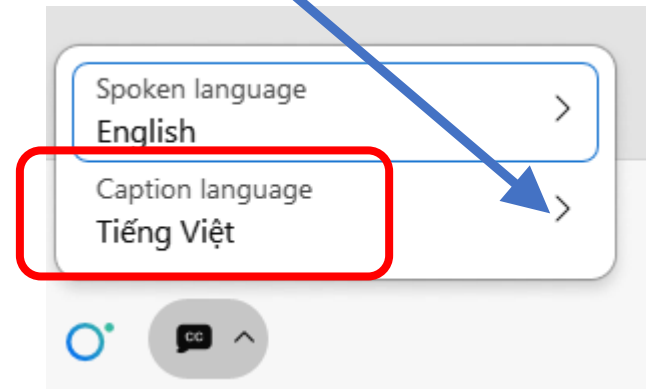
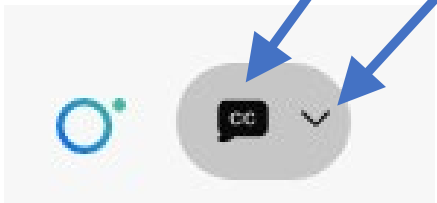
EARTHQUAKE HOME RETROFITS

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Earthquake Home Retrofit

Prescriptive Plan Set



Seattle Department of
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Seattle Home Fair – Prescriptive Earthquake Home Retrofit
Kristen Malec / Dean Greenleaf / October 14, 2023

SDCI PURPOSE AND VALUES

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections' Purpose

Helping people build a safe, livable, and inclusive Seattle.

Our Values

- Equity
- Respect
- Service
- Quality
- Integrity

EHR PLAN SET – OBJECTIVES / AGENDA

To help you understand more about Prescriptive Earthquake Home Retrofit (EHR) Plan Set

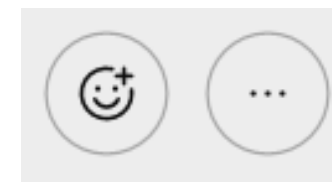
- Earthquake – Building Safety - Be Prepared!
- Purpose of EHR Program
- History of EHR
- What homes qualify for EHR
- Anchor, Brace and Connect – Project Impact ABC's
- Prescriptive Home Earthquake Plan Set – Key Pages
- How To Apply
- Resources

Please feel free to type your question in the presentation chat or to raise your hand if you have a question or comment on what you see.

- For Example, Please raise your hands if you were in Seattle when the Nisqually Earthquake hit, 10:54 on February 28th, 2001? Please let me know where you were in the chat.



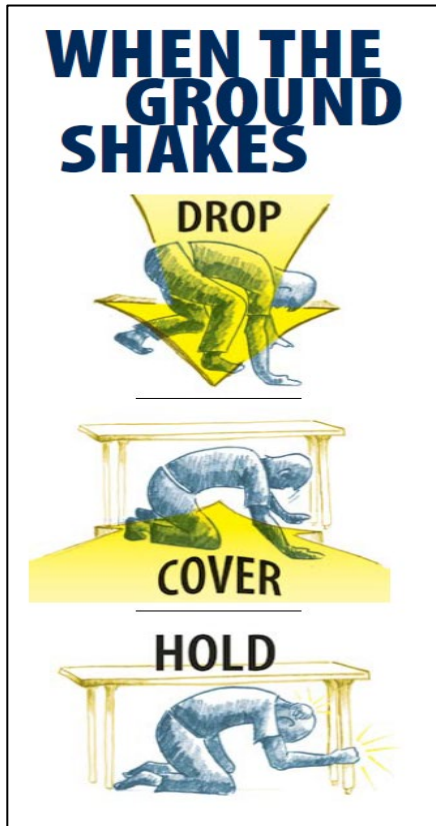
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PUBLIC SAFETY IN AN EARTHQUAKE

Seattle Office of Emergency Management

<http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/about-us/who-we-are>



MyShake™ ABOUT FAQ

Earthquake Early Warning now available publicly in California, Oregon, and Washington

Have earthquake information at your fingertips, see damage reports shared by citizen scientists like you, help us build a global seismic network.

Colma, CA
2 days ago, 8:41 AM 21 mi away

Share your experience

7.1 magnitude earthquake
0:05

Download on the App Store GET IT ON Google Play

The screenshot shows the MyShake app interface. At the top, there is a logo for MyShake and links for 'ABOUT' and 'FAQ'. The main content area features a teal background with white text. The headline reads 'Earthquake Early Warning now available publicly in California, Oregon, and Washington'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'Have earthquake information at your fingertips, see damage reports shared by citizen scientists like you, help us build a global seismic network.' To the right of the text is a smartphone displaying a map of California with a yellow dot indicating an earthquake location. Below the map, the text reads 'Colma, CA', '2 days ago, 8:41 AM', and '21 mi away'. There is a green button labeled 'Share your experience'. At the bottom of the phone screen, there is a progress bar for a 7.1 magnitude earthquake, showing a duration of 0:05. At the bottom of the app interface, there are two buttons: 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS FOR EMERGENCY

Supplies / Tools



Communication -
have a non-local contact



EARTHQUAKE HOME RETROFIT - PURPOSE

- Promote public safety by making older homes safer and reducing earthquake-induced damage
- Improve earthquake resistance:
 - Anchor home to foundation
 - Brace walls
- Simplify the permit process for “retrofitting” existing homes
- This program is designed to work for a typical 2-story, wood framed residence.

This program will not “earthquake proof” your home.

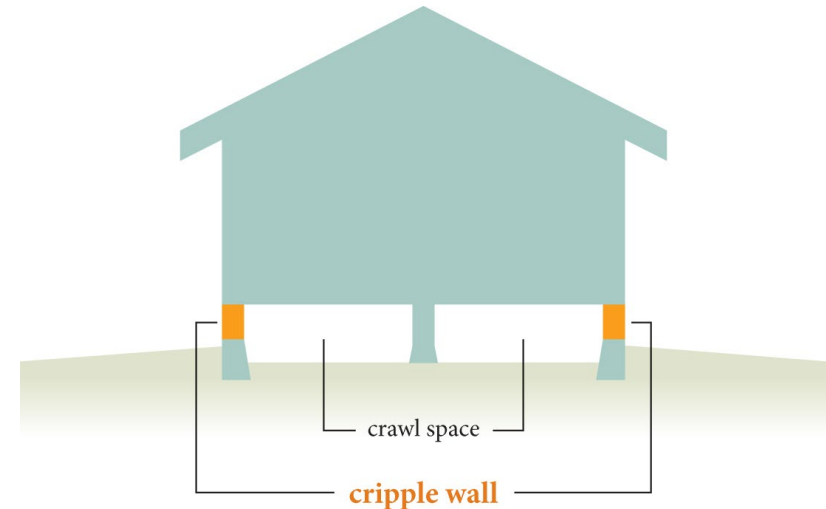


Image courtesy of California Department of Insurance



Photo – 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake

EARTHQUAKE HOME RETROFIT - PURPOSE

These are examples of the type of damage to a home that this program is designed to reduce.



Photo – Washington Association of Building Officials



Photo – 1994 California Earthquake

EARTHQUAKE HOME RETROFIT - PURPOSE

What is NOT addressed by the Earthquake Home Retrofit plan set?

- Chimneys
- Framing above the first floor
- Interior crawl space walls or columns



EHR – HISTORY



- The Project Impact prescriptive retrofit program started in California after the 1994 Northridge Earthquake
- FEMA P-1100 was developed in the 2010's which is intended to be applicable nationwide.
- Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO) revised the FEMA drawings to apply to a broad group of existing homes in Washington.

EHR PLAN SET— WHEN IS IT NEEDED?

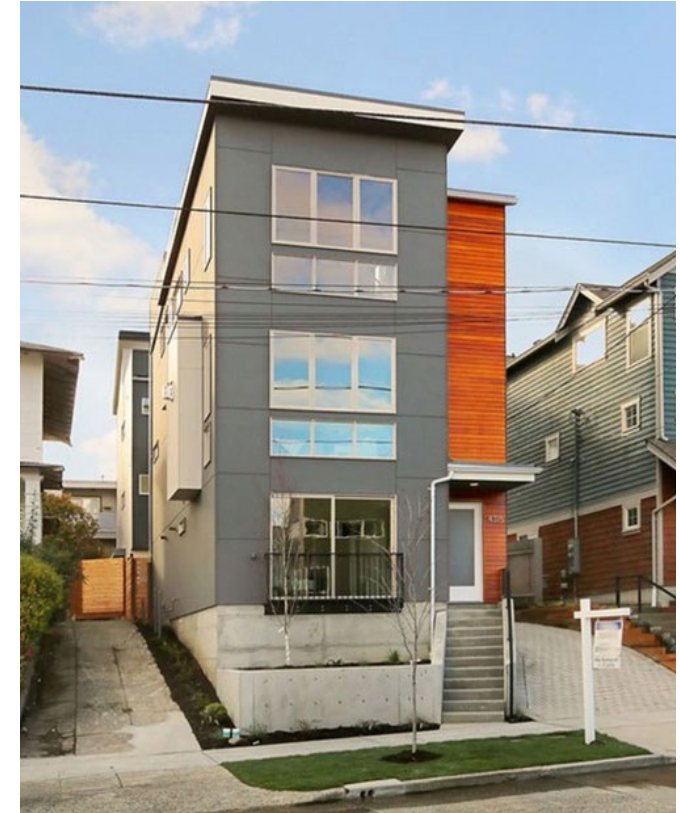
- If the house was built after the early 1980's, it may already have required **anchors, bracing, and framing connections**.
- If your home could be considered “craftsman” or “mid-century modern”, you may need to retrofit.
- Visit us online or consult with a contractor or architect.

“INADEQUATE”



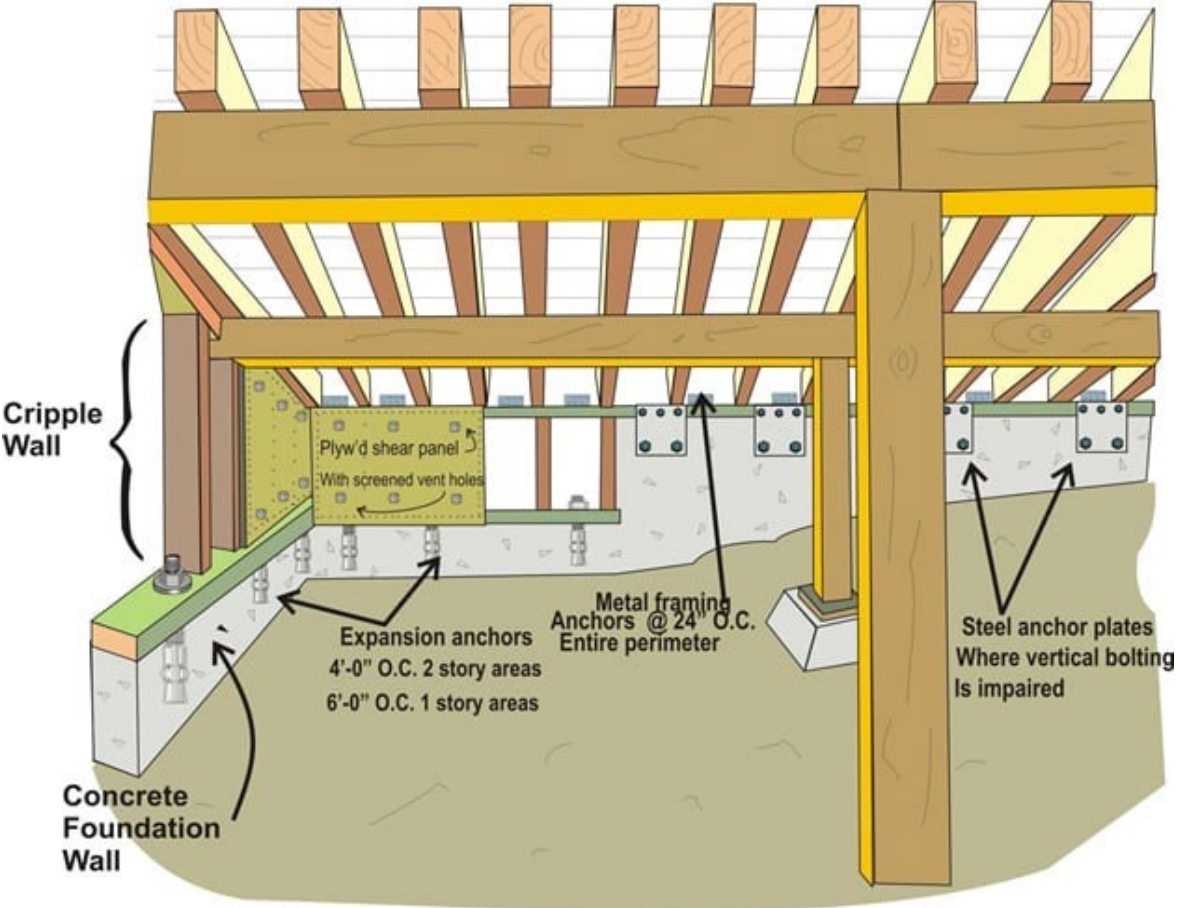
Seattle Times – Hiram Burnett Home built in 1865

“ADEQUATE”



Sustainable Connections – modern infill housing

EHR PLAN SET— WHERE WORK IS DONE

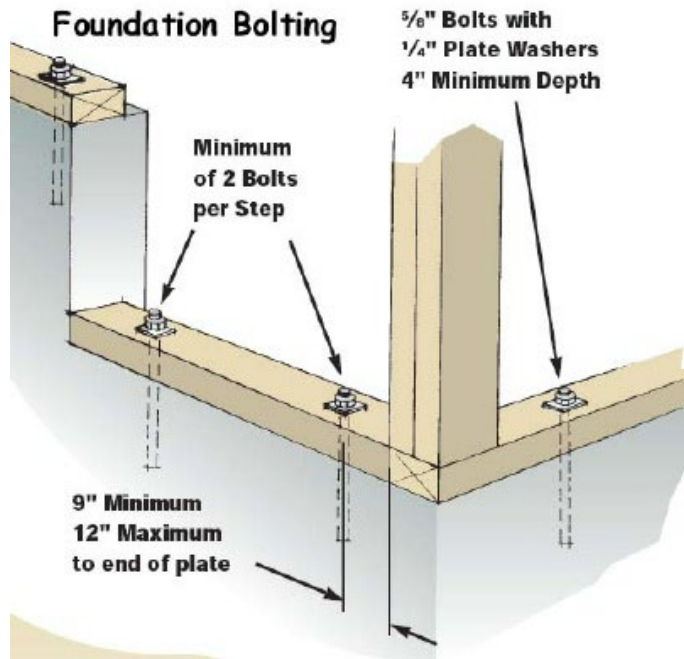


EHR prescriptive retrofit plan set focuses on the basement or crawlspace below the first-floor framing.

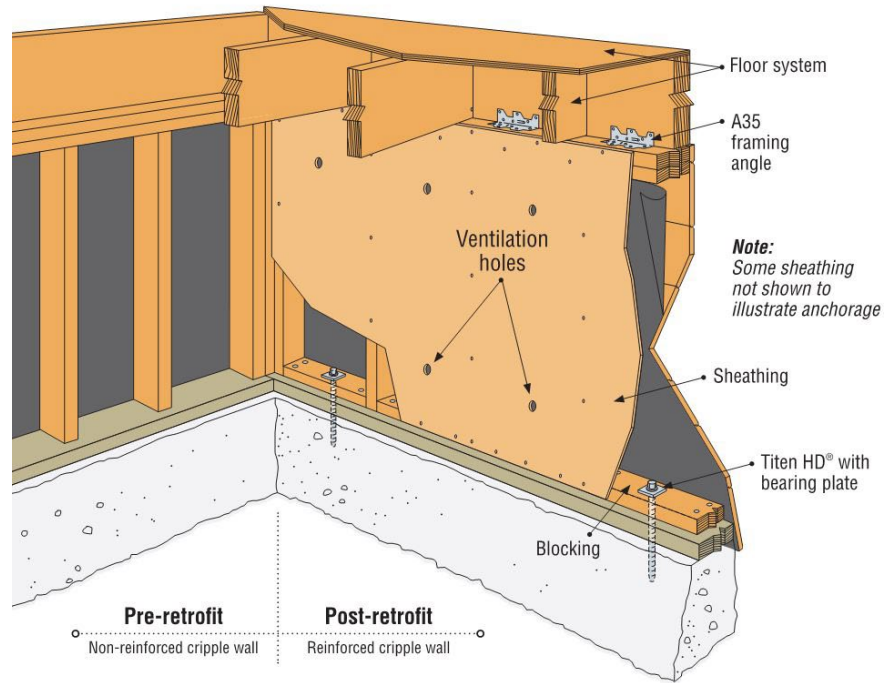
Crawl space illustration from Seismic Safety, Inc.

EHR PLAN SET - A B C's

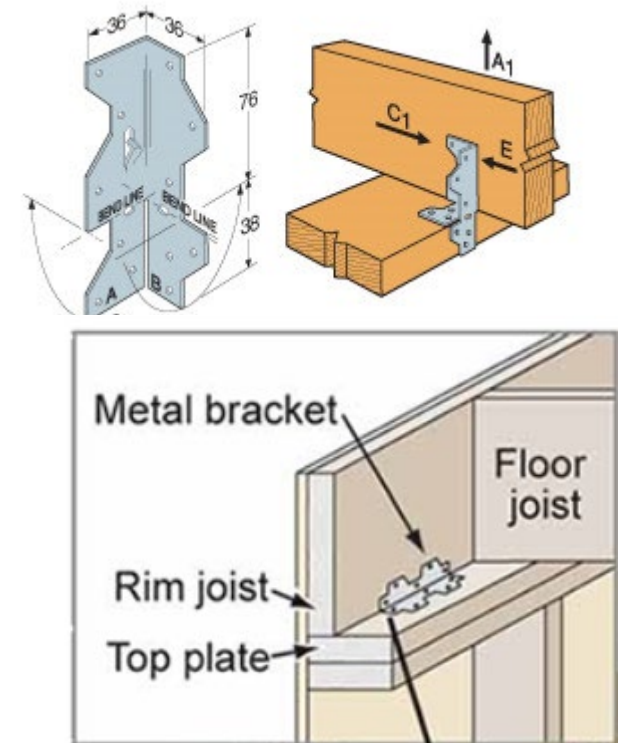
Anchor to Foundation



Brace Walls Below 1st Floor



Connect Framing



Images courtesy of Walnut creek Construction, Hipspro.com and Simpson Strong tie Catalog.

EHR - PLAN SET OVERVIEW

SHEET LIST

01*	Instructions for Use	
S0	Cover Sheet	←
S1	General Notes	
S2	Supplemental Technical Notes	
S3	Seismic Design Category, Weight Classification, and Connectors	←
S3.1**	Earthquake Retrofit Schedule - S _{DS} 1.0, One-Story / Two-Story	←
S4	Foundation and Retrofit Layout Plan	←
D1	Foundation Sill to Concrete Foundation Connection Details	
D2	Floor Framing to Foundation Sill Connection Details	
D3	Floor Framing to Cripple Wall Connection Details	
D3.1	Floor Framing to Cripple Wall Connection / Foundation Replacement Details	
D3.2	Floor Framing to Cripple Wall Connection Details	
D4	Wood Structural Panel Installation without Tie-Downs	
D5	Wood Structural Panel Installation with Tie-Downs	
D6	Vent Openings and Top Plate Details	
X1*	Example of Foundation and Retrofit Layout Plan	
X2*	Example - Foundation Plan (Dwelling without Tie-Downs)	
X3*	Example - Foundation Plan (Dwelling with Tie-Downs)	
X4*	Illustration - Cripple Wall Retrofit	
X5*	Illustration - Retrofit - No Cripple Wall	

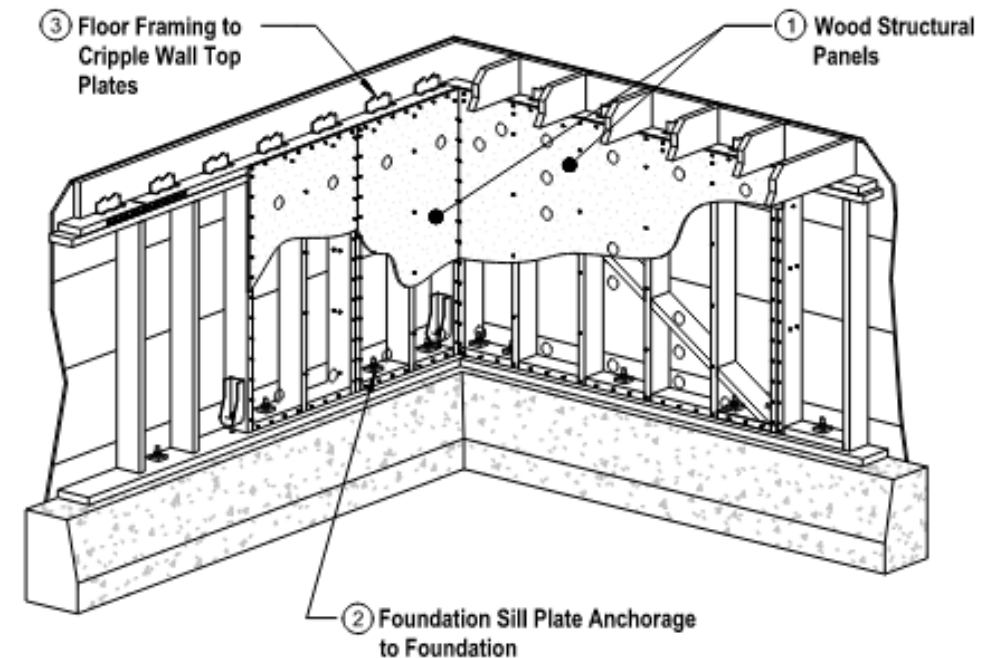
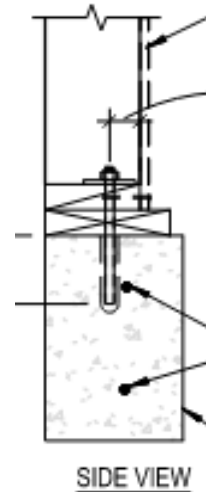
* Sheet for reference only. Do not submit to the Building Official.

** Only one "S3.1" sheet will be submitted to the Building Official.

EHR PLAN SET KEY PAGES

The prescriptive plan set is a complete package, with instructions on how to fill it out, details and descriptions of each connection and example of the retrofit layout.

- These are the Key Pages in the prescriptive 21 page plan set:
 - Coversheet: Sheet S0
 - Weight Classification: S3
 - Earthquake retrofit schedule: Sheet S3.1
 - Foundation and retrofit layout plan: Sheet S4



SHEET S0 - ELIGIBILITY FOR USE

How to determine if a home is eligible for EHR:

- Cover Sheet: S0 – Table 1
- If the answer to any of these questions is NO or “Non-compliant,” the home is not eligible.
- If you are not sure about your answer, **please ask!** We can chat online or through Q&A.

Table 1: ELIGIBILITY FOR USE

To determine if a home qualifies, answer the following:	Compliant	Non-compliant
1. The dwelling is a one- or two-family detached structure or townhouse. The dwelling unit is a townhouse and assessment and retrofit will occur for all attached townhouse dwelling units at the same time.		
2. The dwelling is a wood light-frame dwelling that is two stories or less (basement OK).		
3. The dwelling is a crawlspace/basement and the perimeter (not including porches or other appurtenances) is supported on: a. Cripple walls, or b. Foundation stem walls, or c. Post and pier systems to be retrofitted with cripple walls, or d. Cripple walls or foundation stem walls in combination with a slab on grade foundation.		
4. The dwelling has a continuous perimeter foundation (not including porches or other appurtenances), concrete stem walls, or will be retrofitted to have a continuous perimeter foundation.		
5. Cripple walls, where they occur, do not exceed 7'-0" in clear height.		
6. The maximum slope as measured from the top of foundations along one edge of the home to the other end does not exceed 30%.		
7. Weight of roofing material shall not exceed 12 psf., except for one-story crawlspace dwellings with clay tile roofing as described in footnote 1 below.		
8. Weight of exterior wall finish shall not exceed 10 psf (Stucco OK), except that masonry wainscots supported on concrete or masonry foundations are permitted to extend up to four feet above the top of foundation. Brick veneer ok for one story condition per note on sheet S3		
9. The maximum square footage of the dwelling, excluding areas supported on slabs on grade, do not exceed 3,000 square feet for one story dwellings and 4,000 square feet for two-story dwellings.		
10. No part of the foundations is constructed of unreinforced masonry or stone.		
11. There is no indication that an engineered seismic force-resisting system is present in the dwelling (engineered plans, visible tie-down brackets).		

If you answered "Compliant" to each of these questions, proceed to Sheet S3

If you answered "Non-compliant" to any of these questions the home is not eligible to apply this plan set, unless a Registered Design Professional addresses the non-compliant issues in accordance with P-1100 FEMA Prestandard, Section 4.5, Differing Conditions.

Footnote:

1. One story crawlspace dwellings with clay tile that weigh up to 20 psf or full height brick veneer (with light roof material) shall be permitted to be strengthened in accordance with the provisions for two-story heavy construction as noted in the applicable Earthquake Retrofit Tables.

IS THIS DWELLING ELIGIBLE?

Answers to Questions 1-11 determine if the dwelling qualifies.

- ✓ • One or two family? Two Stories?
- ✓ • Crawlspace/Basement? Foundation?
- ✓ • Cripple Walls Under 7 feet tall?
- ✓ • Under 30% slope?
- ✓ • Does it have a lightweight roof?
Brick exterior?
- ✗ • Maximum Square footage of 4,000 Square Feet?

Actual square footage is 7,300 square feet and we do NOT include the basement



The Admiral's House – Formerly Fort Lawton, Magnolia. 2001 W. Garfield Street. Photo courtesy of Cooper Jacobs Real Estate.

SHEET S3 - WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION

Weight Classification

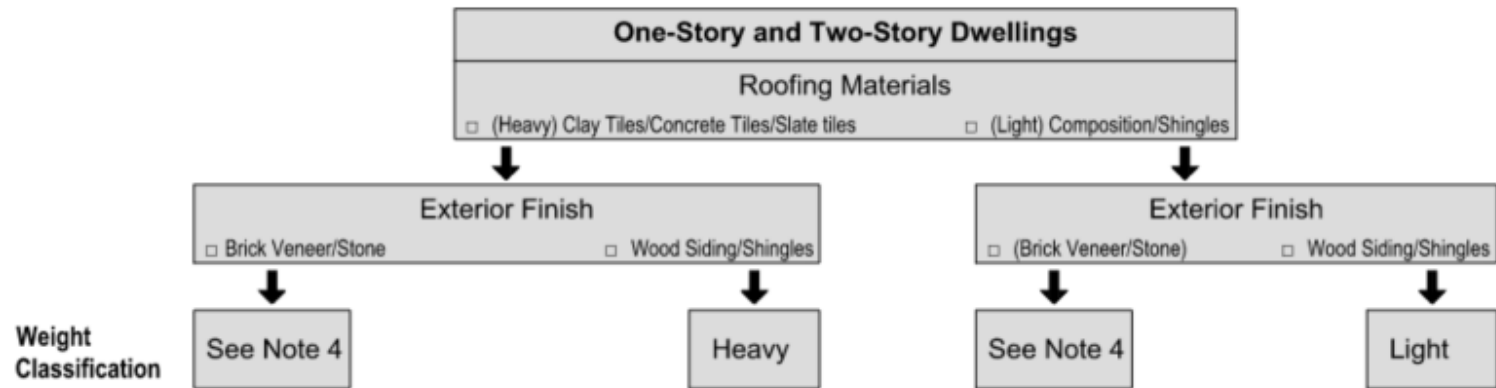
The next factor used to establish the appropriate amount of earthquake strengthening is the dwelling weight. For the purposes of this Plan Set, two weight classifications (Heavy and Light) have been established as described below. Using the flowchart presented:

1. Start with the roofing material then to the exterior finishes.
2. Note the weight classification result for use in the Earthquake Retrofit Schedule, Sheet S3.1.

Specific notes for exterior, interior and roof coverings:

1. The "wood siding or shingles" exterior finish category also includes finishes of similar weight, including but not limited to fiber-cement and aluminum siding.
2. The "comp or shingles" roofing material category also includes roofing materials of similar weight, including but not limited to roll roofing, built-up felt roofing, single-ply membrane roofing, and metal roofing.
3. The exterior finish, roofing material, and interior finish categories are intended to be identified based on the predominant materials used in construction. Where interior or exterior finishes vary, a heavier type finish shall be assumed where 25% or more of the heavier finish type exists within the dwelling.
4.
 - Structures with both brick veneer/stone veneer and heavy roof assembly should consult with a registered design professional and are outside the scope of this document.
 - Structures with both brick veneer/stone veneer and light roof assembly are limited to one story above concrete foundation and shall proceed using the two-story tables for determining wall panel length and anchorage/fastener spacing.

HEAVY OR LIGHT?



SHEET S3.1 – BRACED WALL LENGTH

This Table is for One-story

- 1) Weight Category
- 2) Total Area
- 3) Mark the ROW
- 4) Cripple Wall Height
Section length is twice the length shown here.
- 5) Total Wall
- 6) Number of Sill Anchors
- 7) Number of Clips/ties to first floor framing

EARTHQUAKE RETROFIT SCHEDULE ($S_{DS} = 1.0$ Seismic) ONE-STORY																	
① Weight Category	② Total Area in Square Feet	③ Mark row that applies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	⑤ Length Each of Two Braced Wall Sections Required Along Each Perimeter Wall Line								Number of Foundation Connectors or Anchors at Each Perimeter Wall Line Assume Distributed Along Length						
			Wood Structural Panels								⑥ Foundation Sill Anchors			⑦ Floor to Cripple Wall or Floor to Foundation Sill			
			④ Cripple Wall Height								Panel Edge Nailing	Type "A/B"	1/2"Ø Bolt	5/8"Ø Bolt	Type "D"	Type "E" or "F"	Type "G"
up to 1'	1'-1" to 2'	2'-1" to 4'-0"	4'-1" to 6'-0"	6'-1" to 7'-0"	Without Tie-downs	With Tie-downs	Without Tie-downs	With Tie-downs									
1-Story Light Construction	up to 800		5.3'	5.3'	8.0'	5.3'	9.3'	5.3'	9.3'	6.7'	4"	4	7	5	11	10	14
	801 to 1000		6.7'	6.7'	8.0'	6.7'	10.7'	6.7'	10.7'	8.0'	4"	5	8	6	13	12	16
	1001 to 1200		6.7'	6.7'	9.3'	6.7'	10.7'	8.0'	12.0'	8.0'	4"	6	10	7	15	14	19
	1201 to 1500		8.0'	8.0'	10.7'	8.0'	13.3'	9.3'	13.3'	9.3'	4"	7	12	8	18	17	22
	1501 to 2000		9.3'	10.7'	13.3'	10.7'	14.7'	10.7'	16.0'	12.0'	4"	9	15	10	23	22	29
	2001 to 2500		12.0'	12.0'	14.7'	12.0'	17.3'	12.0'	18.7'	13.3'	4"	10	18	12	27	26	35
	2501 to 3000		14.7'	14.7'	16.0'	14.7'	18.7'	14.7'	20.0'	16.0'	4"	12	21	14	32	31	40
1-Story Heavy Construction	up to 800		5.3'	6.7'	8.0'	5.3'	10.7'	6.7'	10.7'	8.0'	2"	6	10	7	15	14	18
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	2001 to 2500		10.7'	13.3'	16.0'	12.0'	18.7'	14.7'	20.0'	16.0'	2"	13	23	16	36	34	45
	2501 to 3000		12.0'	14.7'	17.3'	13.3'	20.0'	16.0'	21.3'	17.3'	2"	16	27	18	41	40	53

BRACED WALL PANELS

Strengthening the Cripple Wall Using Braced Wall Panels - Sheet S3.1

- Creating a “braced wall panel” beneath the first-floor framing at basement wall or cripple wall.
- Cripple Wall Maximum height is 7 feet and minimum length is 2 feet
- All exterior wall lines are required to have a minimum total length of braced wall panels

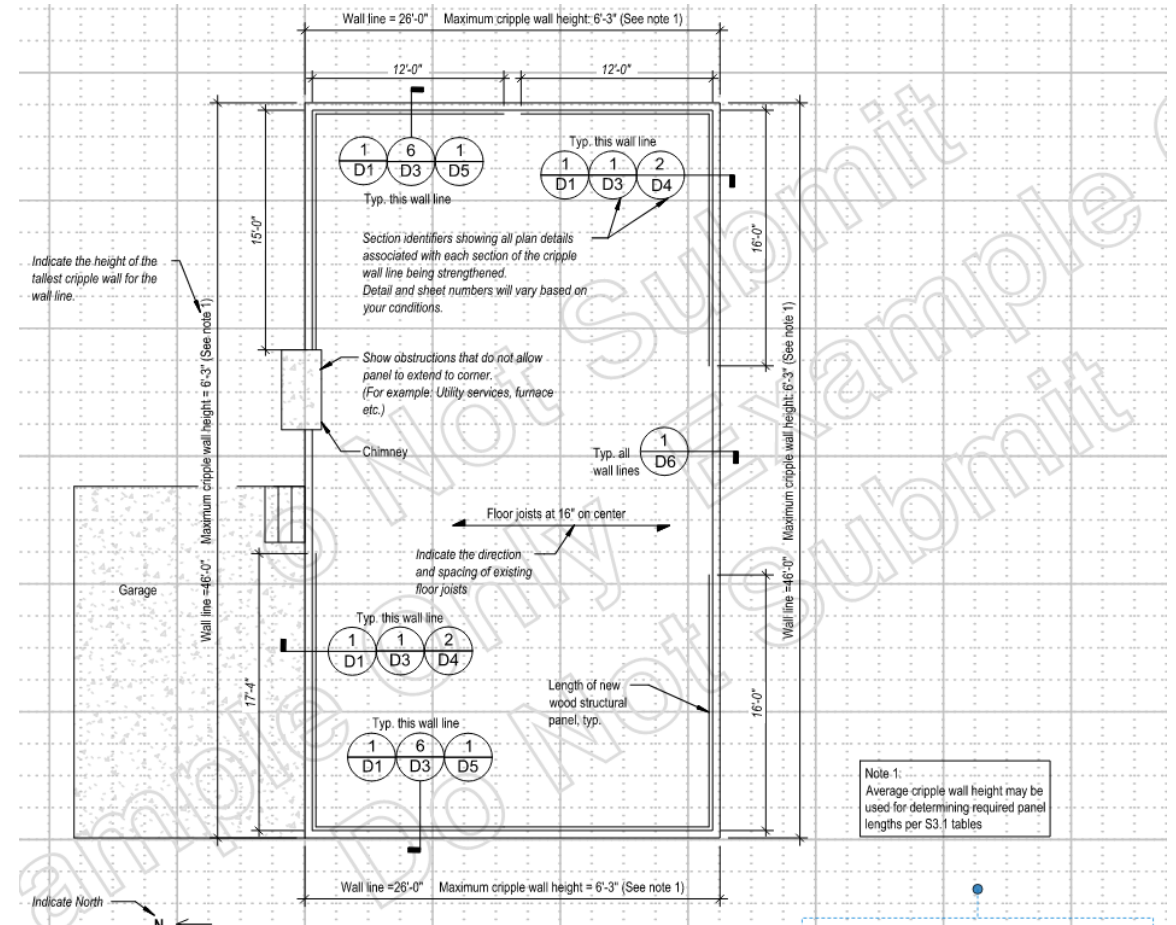


OSB braced wall panel (with hole) and URFP courtesy of Simpson Strong Tie

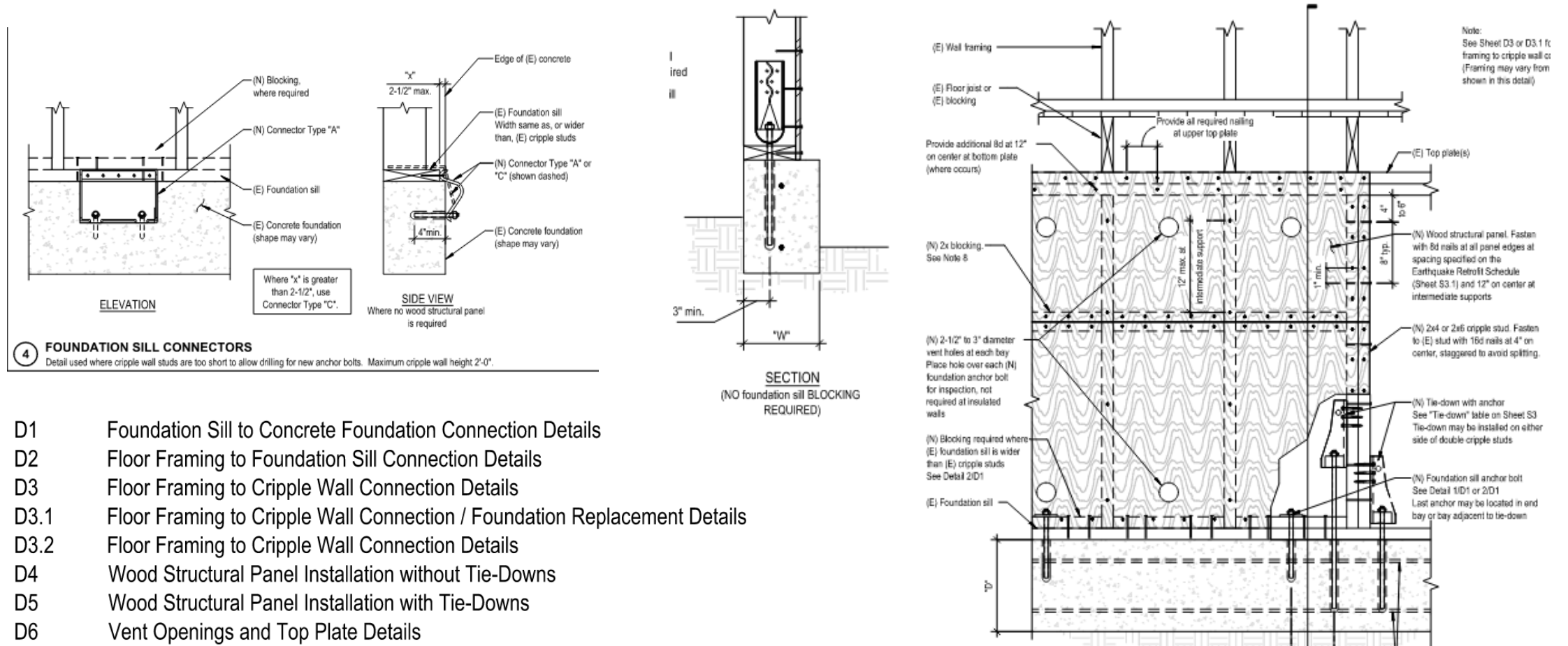
SHEET S4 – FLOOR PLAN

Draw Floor Plan - Sheet S4

- Refer to example floor plans, Sheets 17-21.
- Measure and mark existing conditions.
- Show which of the details provided will be used.
- Mark and note wall bracing for each exterior wall line and show length of braced wall panels.



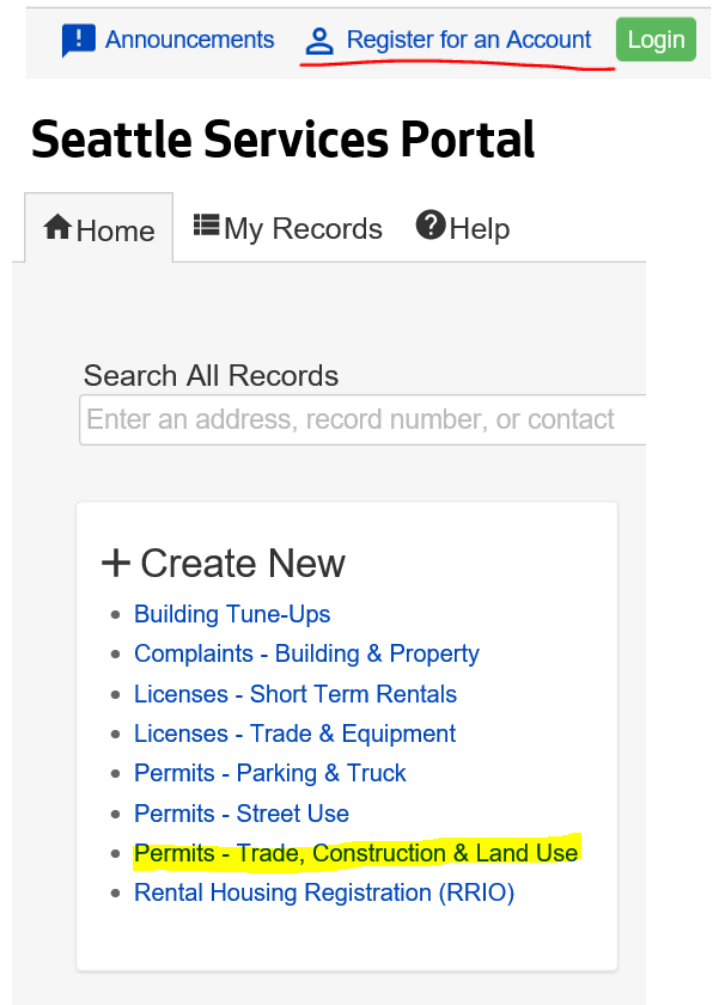
SHEETS D1 through D6 - DETAILS



EHR PLAN SET - APPLICATION PROCESS

All Construction Projects, including the EHR Prescriptive or “Project Impact” start the same way

- EHR PLAN SET– Application Benefits
 - Submit plans for screening; similar to a Subject-to-Field-Inspection (STFI) permit. **You do not need an intake appointment!**
 - Plan review is an expedited permit with shorter plan review times than a full complex plan review.
 - Prescriptive Home Retrofit Plan review fees are different, often cheaper than other permit fees.
- Project review – respond to corrections
- Inspections



The screenshot shows the Seattle Services Portal interface. At the top, there are links for 'Announcements', 'Register for an Account', and a 'Login' button. Below this is the 'Seattle Services Portal' title. A navigation bar includes 'Home', 'My Records', and 'Help'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search All Records' and a placeholder 'Enter an address, record number, or contact'. A section titled '+ Create New' lists several services: 'Building Tune-Ups', 'Complaints - Building & Property', 'Licenses - Short Term Rentals', 'Licenses - Trade & Equipment', 'Permits - Parking & Truck', 'Permits - Street Use', 'Permits - Trade, Construction & Land Use' (highlighted in yellow), and 'Rental Housing Registration (RRIO)'.

SUMMARY - RECAP

EHR Plan Set offers a prescriptive approach for improvements to existing homes.

- Working to build a more disaster resistant community - Be Prepared.
 - Focus is on Building Safety. This program will not “earthquake proof” your home.
- History – This is a NEW PLAN SET and is different than 'Project Impact'.
- What Types of Homes Can Use This Plan Set?
 - Existing, wood framed homes that are on concrete foundations and are two stories or less in height may qualify.
- Anchor, Brace and Connect
 - **Anchor** to the foundation, **Brace** the walls below the first floor and **connect** these walls to the first-floor framing.
- KEY Pages of EHR Plan set and how to apply.

SDCI – PERMIT RESOURCES

- SDCI Website:
[http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/permits/permits-we-issue-\(a-z\)/earthquake-home-retrofit-permit](http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/permits/permits-we-issue-(a-z)/earthquake-home-retrofit-permit)
- WABO Prescriptive PLANSET
https://www.wabo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=236:earthquake-home-retrofit&catid=20:site-content&Itemid=175
- SDCI – Ask us a question Online:
www.seattle.gov/sdci/resources/send-us-a-question
 - NEW! Chat with us online!



The screenshot shows the Seattle Department of Construction & Inspections website. The header includes the Seattle.gov logo and Mayor Jenny A. Durkan's name. The main navigation bar is blue with a search icon and a menu icon. Below the header, the page title is "Seattle Department of Construction & Inspections" with Nathan Torgelson, Director, listed below it. There is a "Log in to Project Portal" link and an "SDCI Menu" dropdown. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home / Permits / Permits We Issue (A-Z) / Home Retrofit Permit. The main heading is "Earthquake Home Retrofit Permit". Under "What Is It?", there is a paragraph explaining the purpose of the permit and a link to "Fee Subtitle". Under "How Much Does It Cost?", there is a paragraph about fees. Under "How Long Does It Take?", there is a paragraph about the review process. At the bottom, there is a "Steps to Get Your Permit" section with four steps: 1. Research, 2. Start Permit Application, 3. Submit Plans, and 4. Get Permit. Each step has a plus sign to its right, and there is an "Expand all" link at the end of the list.

QUESTIONS?

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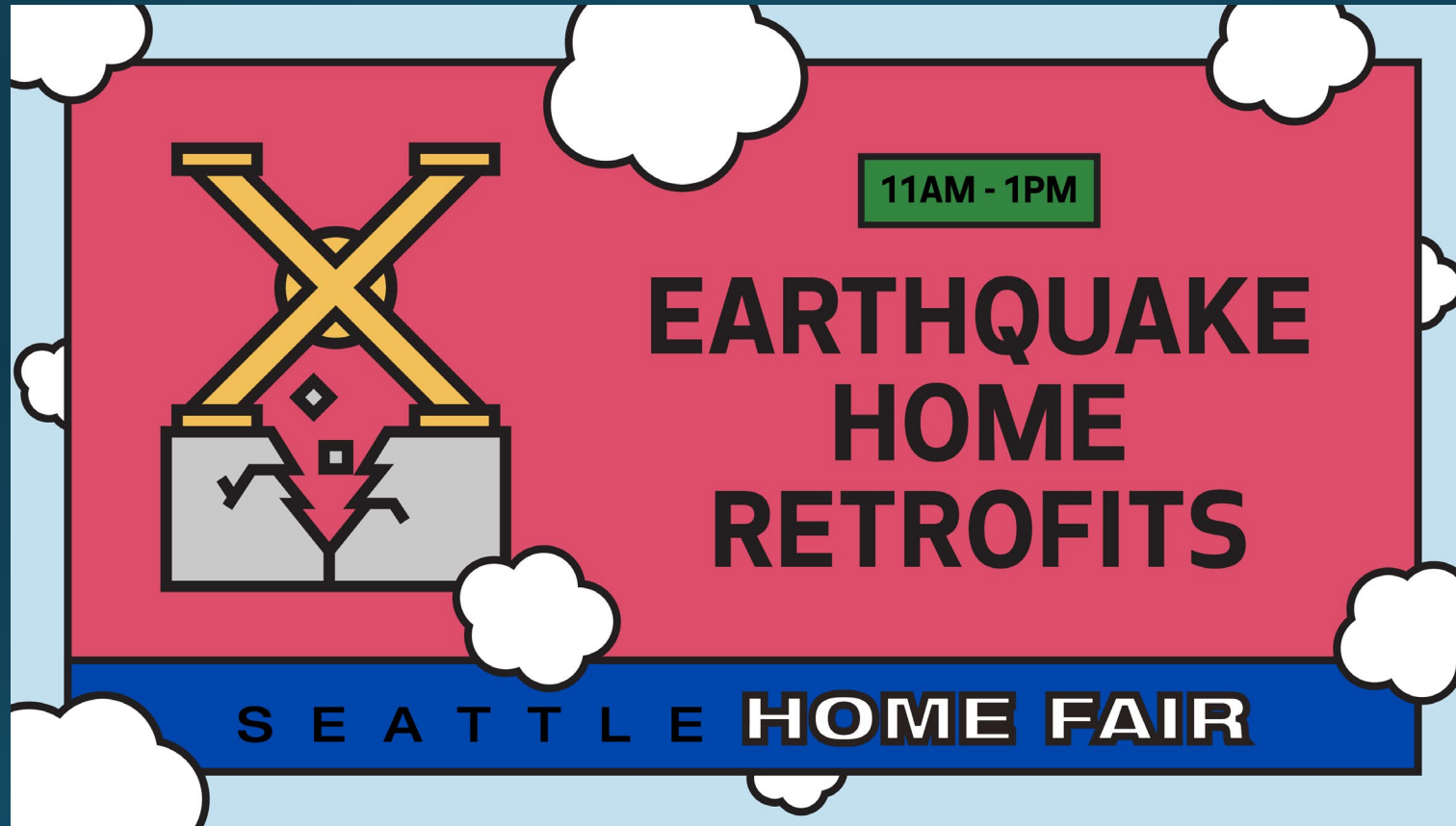
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1901 Stonehenge restoration – from Amazfacts.com

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