



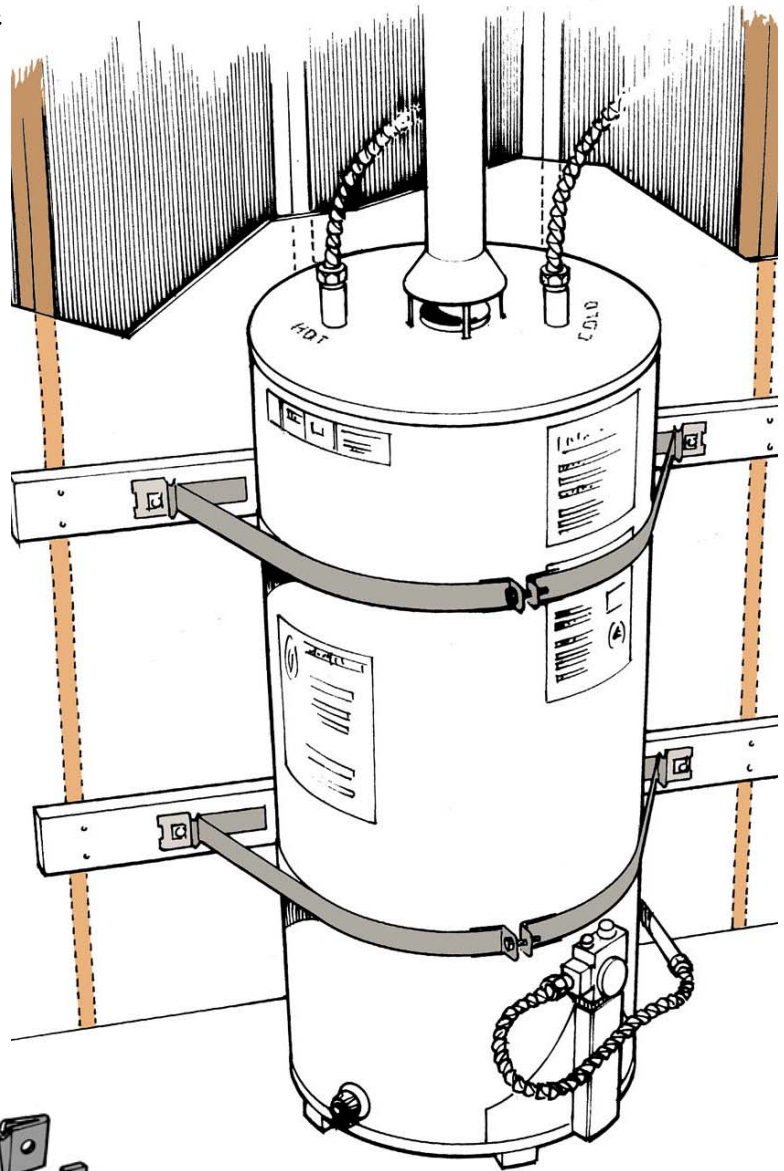
Securing Appliances and Cabinets

Securing Water Heater

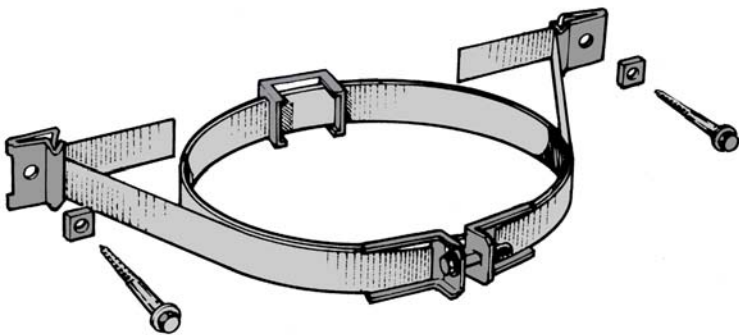
Water heaters provide a valuable water source in emergencies, but they are vulnerable to damage when not secured. Water heaters should be secured on both the top and bottom. Heavy gauge metal strapping is the preferred product for securing tanks. Do not use plumber's tape, as it has been found to fail.

Little space should exist between the water heater and the wall. If there is more than 2" a wooden block should be placed there to prevent tipping.

The strapping should be connected directly to the studs with lag screws, or to concrete with expansion bolts.



No Plumber's Tape

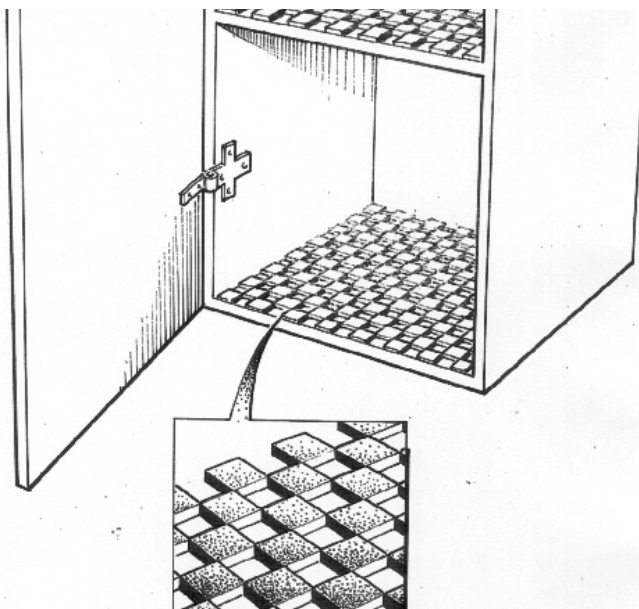
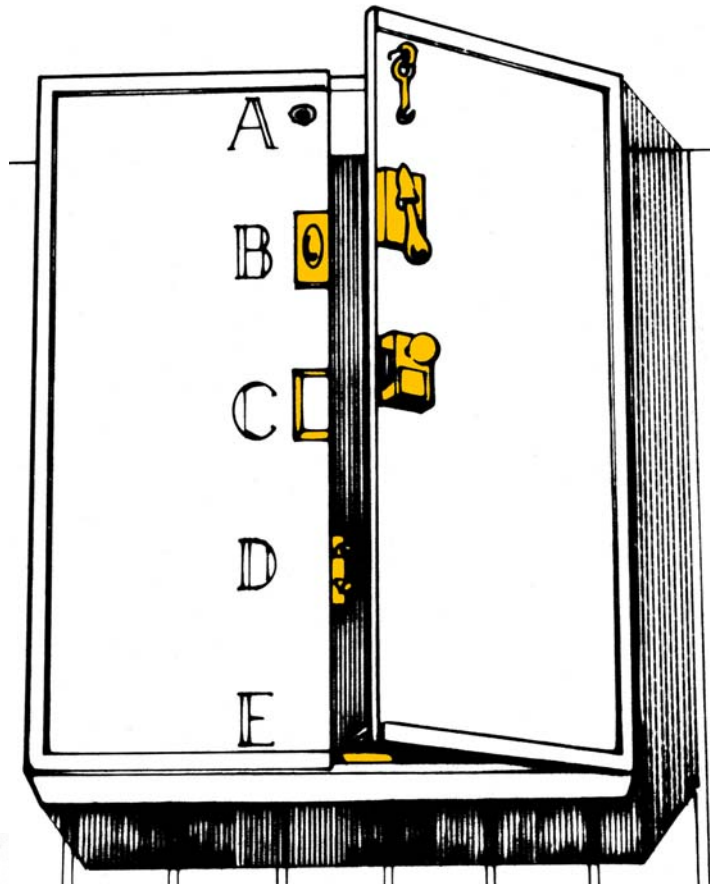


Commercial kits are available at many local hardware stores.

Securing Cabinets

To prevent items in cabinets from flying across the room, it is recommended that latches be installed. The following are all readily available:

- A-Hook and Eye, inexpensive; you may not close it every time
- B-Standard Latch, mounts to the front of the door; may not close it every time
- C-Standard Latch, closes automatically; mounts to the front of the door
- D-Push Latch, mounts inside door, holds door firmly, opens by being pushed inward
- E-Child Proof, inexpensive, closes automatically, requires an extra action when you open the door, takes getting used to



To keep the contents from shifting, line your cabinets with rubberized shelf mats. This material is typically sold in rolls or pre-cut squares at a variety of stores.