

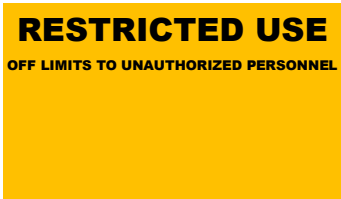


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What's this placard by my door mean?



The **INSPECTED** placard means that the building survived the last incident in usable form but does not guarantee that the building will stand up against any or all future events. This evaluation is not a thorough structural investigation, but a quick visual inspection. The responsibility of the continued safe use of the structure rests with the owner, who should make sure that the building meets current life safety standards, or better yet, is fortified beyond code requirements by mitigation.



The **RESTRICTED USE** placard means that the building has suffered some damage, but portions of it may be used, or the damaged portion is stable, and the occupant can have free access to retrieve possessions as needed. These restrictions can run from restricting occupancy of certain rooms to forbidding use of certain doorways, to allowing brief entry only to retrieve possessions. Follow the written instructions on your placard.



The **UNSAFE** placard means that there is an immediate risk associated with entry, use, or occupancy of the structure. This placard indicates that one or more of these conditions are present: there is an extreme hazard and the building may collapse, there is imminent danger of collapse from an aftershock, there has been a significant decrease in lateral force and/or vertical load capacity. Written authorization is required to enter your structure.

What should I do if I received a yellow or red placard?

Have a licensed contractor or design professional further evaluate the structure. Apply for permits as necessary and supply construction plans as required by the Building Department. Structural engineering may be required. See www.humbx.com/2022-referral-guide for a list of design professionals.

How can I protect myself from future earthquakes?

The Earthquake Brace and Bolt website (www.earthquakebracebolt.com/Homeowner-Resources) is a good resource for this. Find links to premade plans for seismic retrofitting at (www.earthquakebracebolt.com/Homeowner-Resources/Do-It-Yourself).