



WEBINAR: FEMA E-74 Reducing Non-Structural Damages from Earthquakes

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Nonstructural components of buildings include all elements that are not part of the structural system; that is, the *architectural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems*, as well as *furniture, fixtures, equipment, and other contents*. During the recent earthquakes in Chile, New Zealand, Japan, Virginia and other earlier earthquakes in California, Washington, and other parts of the U.S., nonstructural failures have accounted for the majority of damage and injuries. In many cases, businesses, schools, hospitals, and other organizations had to spend excessive time and dollars for cleanup and repair due to nonstructural failures; therefore impeding continued operations and rapid recovery. Moreover, nonstructural component failures also impeded safe evacuation, delayed rescue, and caused additional hazards such as fire resulting in serious life safety issues.

This FEMA-sponsored 1 ½ hour webinar describes the sources and types of nonstructural earthquake damage and the effective methods and guidance that individuals and organizations can use to take action now before the next earthquake and minimize future injuries and property losses from nonstructural risks.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Property owners, facility managers, local officials, engineers, architects, small businesses, and emergency managers.

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE:

IS325: Earthquake Basics: Science, Risk, and Mitigation is a 30 minute independent study course that provides basic information on earthquake, its impacts, and general mitigation techniques. To complete this independent course, visit: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is325.asp>.

WEBINAR INFORMATION:

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Materials: Copy of the presentation will be provided to the participants. Recording of the webinar will also be made available in the future via FEMA.gov.

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