

(SECTION 508.14, CPC).

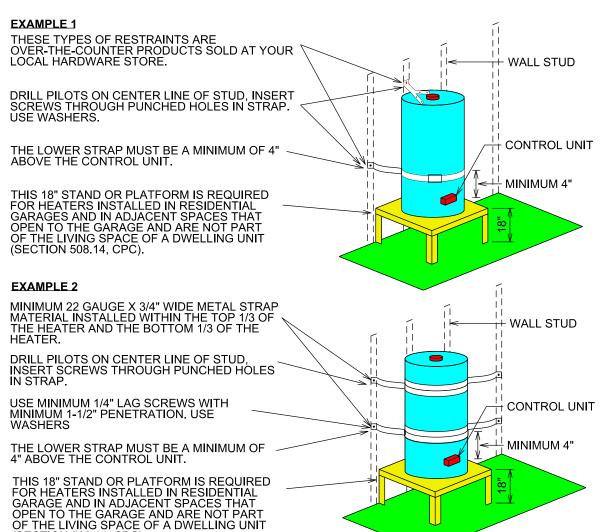
WATER HEATER STRAPPING REQUIREMENT

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SECTION 508.2 OF 2010 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE REQUIRES THAT ALL WATER HEATERS BE ANCHORED OR STRAPPED TO RESIST MOVEMENT DURING AN EARTHQUAKE. THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY INSTALLING ANY OF THE OVER-THE-COUNTER PRODUCTS ESPECIALLY MADE FOR RESTRAINING WATER HEATERS (EXAMPLE 1) OR YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN OUT OF A HEAVY-DUTY METAL STRAP MATERIAL (EXAMPLE 1) OR YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN OUT OF A HEAVY-DUTY METAL STRAP MATERIAL (EXAMPLE 2). IT IS REQUIRED THAT AT LEAST TWO RESTRAINTS ARE USED, WITH ONE IN THE UPPER ONE-THIRD AND ONE IN THE LOWER ONE-THIRD OF THE WATER HEATER. FASTEN OF THE ANCHOR OR STRAP TO THE BUILDING SRUCTURE, USE A LAG SCREW NOT LESS THAN 1/4" DIAMETER WITH A MINIMUM PENETRATION OF 11/2"INTO A WOOD STUD OF THE WALL, AND WITH A WASHER BETWEEN THE HEAD OF THE SCREW AND THE RESTRAINT. BELOW ARE EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE METHOS FOR RESTRAINING A WATER HEATER. NOTE: A PLUMBING PERMIT IS REQUIRED ANY TIME A WATER HEATER IS INSTALLED OR REPLACED.



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