



POLICY FOR SEISMIC UPGRADE OF UNREINFORCED MASONRY BUILDINGS

A seismic upgrade to an existing un-reinforced masonry (URM) building will be required when one of the following conditions exists:

1. The URM building is in obvious structural failure. Structural deficiencies such as listing walls, large cracks or roof, and floor deflection would be examples of this condition. Seismic upgrade of unsafe parapets may be required separately if there are no other problems related to the structure or not covered in items 2 and 3 below.
2. A change of occupancy to a more restrictive use.
3. Remodeling or rehabilitation that involves structurally altering an existing URM building.

The seismic upgrade shall be designed by a licensed architect or registered engineer using the current California Existing Building Code as a minimum standard.