



City of Sunnyvale

Business Occupancy Resumption Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is ATC-20?

Applied Technology Council (ATC) – 20, is a widely accepted standard for post-earthquake safety review and tagging of structures. It allows inspectors to evaluate building structures after an earthquake. For more information go to

www.calema.ca.gov/recovery/pages/safety-assessment/asp

The California Office of Emergency Services website or to The Structural Engineers Association of Northern California.

2. How can the BORP forms be submitted?

The forms can be submitted via email, by regular mail or in person. Due to the size of some of the documents (like plans) that need to be submitted, and in-person submission is often necessary.

3. Can a company use their own ATC-20 engineers?

No. A third party firm should be retained to complete post-earthquake inspections.

4. Does the city provide placards?

No. The city accepts the standard ATC-20 placards that the structural engineering firms have, as long as the company has been enrolled in the Business Occupancy Resumption Program.

5. Once the forms have been reviewed, and the company is enrolled in the program, where are the files kept?

The building department keeps the files for later reference.