



## **Morris & Union Roofing Company Warns Homeowners About Invisible Damage from Earthquake**

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The 2.3 magnitude earthquake that rocked northern New Jersey on August 30th has impacted homes across the state, potentially causing invisible damage to hundreds of thousands of roofs. Homeowners need to be aware of the imminent dangers associated with roof damage.

Roofing company owners like Ryan and Michael of Mighty Dog Roofing in Morris and Union in New Jersey believe leaks and cracks around joints are the most important elements to check for, especially near the chimney.

While roof leaks can cause mold growth and wood rot, chimney damage can allow dangerous carbon monoxide to enter the home. Homeowners are urged to check their carbon monoxide detectors near chimneys to ensure there are no leaks.

?Roofs are built to withstand earthquakes without caving in, but there is almost always minor damage,? Ryan says. "What starts as a little leak can quickly become a substantial and pricey problem causing moisture damage to the roof, frame, and insulation."

A document published by the Centers for Disease Control validates, "Buildings with leaking roofs...are susceptible to mold growth." In addition, the document states that mold can begin growing in as little as 48-72 hours and potentially cause health issues in certain people.

According to Ryan, up to 80% of leaks can be found around vents, skylights, and chimneys. These may appear as cracks or gaps in the ceiling around these areas. The rest of the leaks come through the shingles and flashing (the material covering the joints where different roof parts meet).

Michael suggests checking for curled or missing shingles on an asphalt roof and looking for cracked or missing tiles on a tile roof. If homeowners find any damage, they are encouraged to reach out to their insurance company quickly to file a claim.

It's better to find these leaks before it rains so homeowners can prevent water damage, mold growth, and expensive repairs. Mighty Dog Roofing offers rapid roof inspections to help homeowners determine the condition of their roofs and if the recent earthquake caused any damage. Those affected can call 973-659-4136 to schedule an inspection or repair.

If a damaged roof is exposed to the elements, it may be necessary to cover the home in a tarp until a licensed roofing company can make repairs. Mighty Dog Roofing is available to perform this service and other emergency repairs on the same day where necessary.

For more information about Mighty Dog Roofing or to schedule a roof inspection, potential clients can visit the company's website at <https://www.mightydogroofing.com/morris-and-union> or contact the company here:

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