Hey, Big One listeners. This episode was all about buildings, and I’m pretty sure you’re in them at least some of your time. So here are some tips.

1. If you’re a homeowner, get your house inspected. If it’s on a raised foundation, make sure that it has been bolted and braced. That can stop your home from sliding off its foundation.

2. If you rent an apartment, ask your landlord when the building was built and what’s been done to retrofit it. If it’s a soft story — that would be a building with a carport tucked under the upper floors — check if steel beams have been added to strengthen it. If not, you should really consider moving out.

3. Condos in general are much less likely to have been retrofitted, especially if they couldn’t get all the HOA folks to agree.

4. If you work in a big office building downtown and they tell you it’s on rollers, it’s probably not. Ask your employer or building owner if they’ve done any retrofit — especially if your building was built before the 1994 Northridge quake. If not, you should really consider whether you want to work there.

See you next episode!