



# **An important update about the Heretaunga Block building at Hutt Hospital**



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This is an update from the Hutt Valley District Health Board about the **Heretaunga Block building**.



The **Heretaunga Block building** is part of the Hutt Hospital.



A **seismic assessment** has been done that shows the building may no longer meet all of the **earthquake building regulations**.



**Seismic assessments** are tests that look at how safe a building is if there is an **earthquake**.



An **earthquake** is when the ground starts to shake.



Sometimes earthquakes can break or damage buildings.



**Earthquake building regulations** are rules that must be followed.

These rules are to make sure that buildings are as safe as they can be if there is an earthquake.



The Hutt Valley District Health Board has said that the most important thing now is that we keep **everyone** safe.



**Everyone** means:

- people who use services in the Heretaunga Block building
- people who are patients or visitors in the Heretaunga Block building
- hospital staff who work in the Heretaunga Block building.





Over time everyone will slowly be moved out of the Heretaunga Block building.



Health care services will be moved to other parts of the Hutt Hospital.



While the move is happening there will still be health care services in **both:**

- Heretaunga Block building

**and**

- other parts of the Hutt Hospital.





The people who did the seismic assessment have said that:



- while staff and services move out of the Heretaunga Block building the risk of something happening to the building is low
- the Heretaunga Block building has done well when there have been earthquakes in the past.



The emergency department at Hutt Hospital is:



- still open
- not in the Heretaunga Block building.





As part of the move you will see some changes to the Hutt Hospital like:

- new signs about where you can find the health care services
- fencing around some of the hospital buildings.



This news about the Heretaunga Block building may:



- upset you
- make you feel scared.



The Hutt Valley District Health Board want you to know that making sure you get the health care you need is very important to them.



It is important you still go to all your health care appointments at the Hutt Hospital.



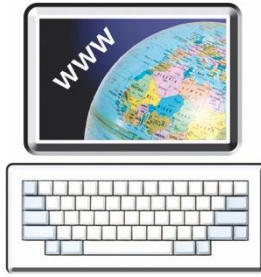
This includes any health care appointments you have in the Heretaunga Block building.



The hospital staff at Hutt Hospital will:

- talk to you more about the moving plans
- talk to you about any changes to your health care services
- let you know where to go to get your health care services.





You can find more updates about  
what happening on the Hutt Valley  
District Health Board **website**:

**<https://www.huttvalleydhb.org.nz/>**



If you have any questions or worries  
you can also **Email**:

**[HeretaungaBlock@huttvalleydhb.org.nz](mailto:HeretaungaBlock@huttvalleydhb.org.nz)**





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