

BE PREPARED FOR A VOLCANO

A volcanic eruption may release acid, gases, rocks, and ash into the air. Lava and debris can flow at up to 100 mph, destroying everything in their path.

A volcano is an opening in the Earth's crust that allows molten rock, gases, and debris to escape to the surface.



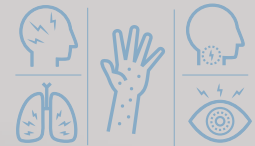
Alaska, Hawaii, California, and Oregon have the most active volcanoes, but other states and territories have active volcanoes, too



Volcanic ash can travel 100s of miles and cause severe health problems



Can contaminate water supplies, damage machinery, and reduce visibility



Can create smog and harmful gases that threaten low-lying areas, make it hard to breathe, and irritate the skin, eyes, nose, and throat

IF YOU ARE UNDER A VOLCANO WARNING

Listen for emergency information and alerts.



Follow evacuation or shelter orders. If advised, evacuate early.



Avoid areas downstream of the eruption.



Protect yourself from falling ash.



Do not drive in heavy ash fall.

