

# HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A LANDSLIDE THREATENS



Prepare  
NOW

Survive  
DURING

Be Safe  
AFTER

**Know the landslide risk in your area.** Contact officials for information on local landslide hazards. Ask whether there is a landslide map of your area or how to get your property checked.

**Learn about the types and signs** of landslides common in your area.

**Sign up for your community's warning system.** The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

**Know your community's landslide evacuation plans.** Practice driving evacuation routes and identify shelter locations.

**Gather supplies in case you have to leave immediately** or if services are cut off. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Do not forget the needs of pets.

**Avoid building in areas at risk for a landslide**, such as steep slopes or property close to cliffs, or near drainage ways or streams.

**Plant ground cover and build walls** to direct the mudflow around buildings.

**Keep important documents in a safe place.** Create password-protected digital copies.

**Review insurance coverage.** Landslide damage may not be covered.

**Monitor the area for signs of potential slide activity.** These can include cracks or bulges in the ground, street pavement, or sidewalks; soil moving away from foundations; tilting of patios or foundations; broken water lines; or leaning telephone poles, trees, walls, or fences.

**Evacuate an area immediately after authorities tell you to.** Signs of a landslide may not be visible, but the danger still exists.

**Watch for flooding.** Floods sometimes follow landslides because they may be started by the same event.

**Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems** for current emergency information and instructions.

**Listen to authorities** to find out if it is safe to return.

**Save phone calls for emergencies.** Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. Use text messages or social media to communicate with family and friends.

**Stay away from downed power lines** and report them immediately.

## Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to **Ready.gov** and search for **landslide**. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for a **landslide**.



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