

Landslides and Mudslides

Buildings that are on bluffs, sides of hills or at the base of hills are at the greatest risk from a landslide or mudflow. Contact a geologist to identify possible problems with your home and what can be done to minimize your risks. Plan at least two evacuation routes from your house, and a family meeting area outside your neighborhood. Pay attention to your home. Look for new cracks in foundations, newly sticking doors and windows, bulging ground, and cracks in outside walls, walkways, streets and driveways. If a landslide should happen when you are inside, stay indoors and take cover under a large sturdy piece of furniture. If you are outdoors, get out of the way and move to high ground as quickly as possible. If this is not possible, take cover in the nearest group of trees or building, as a last resort, curl into a tight ball and protect your head. After a landslide, beware of flooding and loose rocks with a possibility of another slide. As always, follow the directions of authorities and don't return to an evacuated area unless directed to do so.

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