



## Landslide/Mudslide Preparedness Plan

BEFORE THE LANDSLIDE	
Landslides generally happen in areas where they have occurred in the past. Learn about your area's landslide risk. Landslides can also be referred to as mudslides, debris flows, mudflows or debris avalanches.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learn about local emergency response and evacuation plans.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Talk to everyone in your household about what to do if a landslide occurs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create and practice an evacuation plan for your family and your business	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assemble and maintain an emergency preparedness kit.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Become familiar with the land around where you live and work so that you understand your risk in different situations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Watch the patterns of storm water drainage on slopes near your home, especially where runoff water converges.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Debris flows and other landslides onto roadways are common during rainstorms.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heavily saturated ground is very susceptible to mudflows and debris flows.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be aware that, generally, landslide insurance is not available, but that debris flow damage may be covered by flood insurance policies from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) at <a href="http://www.FloodSmart.gov">www.FloodSmart.gov</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>

DURING THE LANDSLIDE OR LIKELY TO OCCUR	
If you suspect imminent danger, evacuate immediately. Inform affected neighbors if you can, and contact your public works, fire or police department.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Listen for unusual sounds that might indicate moving debris, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are near a stream or channel, be alert for any sudden increase or decrease in water flow and notice whether the water changes from clear to muddy. Such changes may mean there is debris flow activity upstream so be prepared to move quickly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be especially alert when driving— watch for collapsed pavement, mud, fallen rocks and other indications of possible debris flow.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are ordered or decide to evacuate, take your animals with you.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consider a precautionary evacuation of large or numerous animals as soon as you are aware of impending danger.	<input type="checkbox"/>



AFTER THE LANDSLIDE	
Stay away from the slide area until local officials say it is safe to enter.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Listen to local stations on a portable, battery-powered radio for the latest emergency information.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Watch for flooding—floods sometimes follow landslides and debris flows.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check for injured and trapped persons and animals near the slide, without entering the slide area.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help people who require special assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Look for and report broken utility lines to appropriate authorities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check your home's foundation, chimney and surrounding land for damage.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Replant damaged ground as soon as possible because erosion caused by loss of ground cover can lead to flash flooding.	<input type="checkbox"/>