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Landslide & Mudslide Preparedness Guide

A Practical Guide to Protecting Your Family Before, During, and After
Landslides and Mudslides

Building Resilient Communities Together

Landslides Can Occur Without Warning

Landslides and mudslides can happen after heavy rainfall, wildfires, earthquakes, or rapid snowmelt. They can move quickly, damaging homes, blocking roads, and creating life-threatening conditions.

Knowing your risks and preparing ahead of time can help keep your family safe.

Preparedness begins before the ground starts to move.

Why Landslide Preparedness Matters

Preparing for landslides helps your family:

- Recognize warning signs early.
- Evacuate quickly if necessary.
- Protect important documents and emergency supplies.
- Reduce the risk of injury.
- Recover more safely after the event.

Awareness is one of your greatest protections.

Before a Landslide

Take these important steps:

- ☐ Learn whether your home is in a landslide-prone area.
- ☐ Monitor weather forecasts during periods of heavy rain.
- ☐ Know local evacuation routes.
- ☐ Prepare an emergency kit.
- ☐ Develop a family communication plan.
- ☐ Keep important documents protected.
- ☐ Report signs of unstable slopes to local authorities if appropriate.

Preparation today may save lives tomorrow.

Warning Signs

Watch for:

- ☐ New cracks in the ground.
- ☐ Leaning trees or utility poles.
- ☐ Doors or windows that suddenly stick.
- ☐ Unusual bulges in the ground.
- ☐ Water suddenly flowing where it normally does not.
- ☐ Rumbling sounds or falling rocks.

Never ignore unusual changes around your home or neighborhood.

During a Landslide

If authorities issue an evacuation order:

- ☐ Leave immediately.
- ☐ Follow designated evacuation routes.
- ☐ Take your emergency kit.
- ☐ Bring pets with you.
- ☐ Stay away from streams and drainage channels.
- ☐ Never attempt to cross an active landslide.

Your safety comes first.

If You Are Caught Outdoors

- ☐ Move quickly away from the path of the slide.
- ☐ Seek higher, stable ground if possible.
- ☐ Watch for falling rocks, trees, and debris.
- ☐ Stay alert for additional slides.

If You Are Driving

- ☐ Watch for fallen rocks, mud, and debris.
- ☐ Never drive through active mudslides.
- ☐ Turn around if roads are blocked or unsafe.
- ☐ Follow instructions from emergency officials.

Road conditions can change rapidly.

After a Landslide

Return only when authorities say it is safe.

Once home:

- ☐ Watch for additional landslides.
- ☐ Stay away from damaged structures.
- ☐ Check for broken utility lines.
- ☐ Photograph damage if needed.
- ☐ Report hazards to local authorities.
- ☐ Help neighbors if it is safe to do so.

Recovery begins with safety.

Protecting Children

Help children by:

- ☐ Explaining landslides in simple language.

- ☐ Teaching evacuation routes.
- ☐ Practicing family emergency plans.
- ☐ Reassuring them after the event.

Prepared children feel safer during emergencies.

Caring for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities

Ensure they have:

- ☐ Transportation arrangements.
- ☐ Emergency medications.
- ☐ Mobility equipment.
- ☐ Emergency contacts.
- ☐ Assistance during evacuations.

Planning ahead makes evacuations safer.

Caring for Pets

Prepare:

- ☐ Food.
- ☐ Water.
- ☐ Leash or carrier.
- ☐ Medications.
- ☐ Identification tags.
- ☐ Vaccination records.

Never leave pets behind during an evacuation.

Ready Together Action

Complete these three steps this week:

- ☐ Learn whether you live near landslide-prone terrain.
- ☐ Review your evacuation routes.
- ☐ Discuss warning signs with your family.

Prepared families recognize danger early.

Review Your Preparedness

Review your landslide plan:

- ☐ Before rainy seasons.
- ☐ After wildfires in your area.
- ☐ After moving to a new home.
- ☐ Every six months.

Preparedness is an ongoing responsibility.

About Ready Together Foundation

Ready Together Foundation is dedicated to building resilient communities through emergency preparedness, emergency relief and response, youth engagement, and outreach to vulnerable populations.

Our work focuses on:

- Community Emergency Preparedness
- Emergency Relief & Response
- Youth Preparedness & Leadership
- Vulnerable Population Outreach

Together, we are building stronger, safer, and more resilient communities.

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Preparedness is a journey, not a one-time event. Every small step you take today helps protect the people you care about tomorrow.