

Landslide & debris flow

ACTION CHECKLIST

Move away from a slide area if you can do so safely, and obey evacuation warnings. Avoid steep slopes, channels and places downhill from recent burns during heavy rain. Do not cross moving debris or enter a fresh slide to inspect it.

[] Notice warning signs

New ground cracks, tilting trees, unusual runoff or rumbling warrant immediate caution and a call to local authorities.

[] Leave the affected area

Use an official safe route rather than following a drainage channel.

[] Avoid crossings

Mud and debris can sweep away vehicles and hide damaged road surfaces.

[] Report from safety

Give the location and visible hazards to emergency services; keep others out.

WATCH FOR

Another slide can follow the first, especially during continued rain.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Stay away from channels, fresh debris and unstable slopes after the first movement. Do not cross the slide to check a house or search for belongings. Choose a destination outside the runout area rather than simply a higher point on the same unstable slope.

Updated 2026-10-02 | Civilian educational guidance. Seek qualified help when reachable and safe; do not delay immediate protective action.

Full guide: <https://ospreyzero.com/emergencies/landslide/>

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