

Volcanic eruption

ACTION CHECKLIST

Follow the local volcano evacuation order and stay out of restricted zones. If ash is falling and you are not told to evacuate, stay indoors with windows and doors closed. Avoid river valleys where volcanic mudflows may travel.

[] Check official monitoring

Use local emergency alerts and the responsible volcano observatory.

[] Leave danger zones

Take designated evacuation routes; do not approach the volcano to watch.

[] Limit ash exposure

Close outside-air openings and use eye protection and a well-fitting particulate respirator for necessary outdoor movement.

[] Keep roads clear

Avoid driving in ash unless necessary; visibility and engines can be affected.

WATCH FOR

A particle respirator does not protect against volcanic gases.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Keep away from river valleys, exclusion areas and visible ash plumes. Use the best reachable intact shelter for ashfall while checking evacuation information. Avoid driving through heavy ash unless leaving a more immediate threat; ash can impair engines and visibility.

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/volcanic-eruption/>

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