



# NATURAL DISASTER SURVIVAL TIPS

How to stay safe during a landslide  
when you live outdoors

## WHAT WILL YOU DO IN A NATURAL DISASTER?

### PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE WHEN CAMPING

- Avoid camping near steep slopes, close to mountain edges, near drainage ways, or along natural erosion valleys.
- Become familiar with the land around you. Slopes where debris flows have occurred in the past are likely to experience them in the future.
- Be aware of dead trees that have started to fall but are held in place by other trees. There's a reason some people call these "widow makers."

### LANDSLIDE WARNING SIGNS

- Changes in the land such as patterns of storm-water drainage on slopes, land movement, small slides, and leaning trees.
- Slowly developing, widening cracks appear on the ground, in paved areas, or on the walls of nearby buildings.
- Bulging ground appearing at the base of a slope.
- A faint rumbling sound that gets louder.

### IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN A LANDSLIDE

Move away from the path of landslide as quickly as possible. If escape is not possible, curl into a tight ball and protect your head.

### REMEMBER

- Landslides occur in all U.S. states and territories and can be caused by many things including earthquakes, storms, volcanic eruptions, fire, and manmade changes to the land.
- A landslide can happen quickly, often with little notice.
- A landslide can travel several miles from its source, growing in size as it picks up trees, boulders, cars, and other materials.

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