

WHAT TO DO IF THERE IS A LANDSLIDE

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DO THIS NOW

- 1** Get out of the path at once. Move sideways, away from the moving ground, and to higher, firmer ground.
- 2** Leave everything behind. Do not go back for belongings, a car or a pet that has run off.
- 3** If you cannot get away, curl up into a tight ball and protect your head with your arms.
- 4** Shout to warn the people nearby, then call **112** and say exactly where the slide is and whether anyone is caught in it.
- 5** Keep well away from the slide. More ground may collapse.
- 6** If you see new cracks in the walls or the ground, or doors that suddenly stick, leave the building and call for advice.
- 7** Follow the rain warnings and LU-Alert, and listen to **RTL, 100.7** for instructions.

BEFORE

KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

- Cracks that appear in the ground, on a slope, in paving or in the walls of your home.
- Ground that bulges at the foot of a slope or a wall.
- Doors and windows that start to stick for no clear reason.
- Watch most closely after long or very heavy rain, on steep slopes, road cuttings, embankments and river banks.

WATCH THE WEATHER

- LU-Alert has a category for ground hazards, but its advice is decided case by case. Follow the heavy-rain warnings on **Alerts and sirens** and keep away from river banks while they last.
- Stay alert during long, heavy rain, even at night. Many people killed by landslides were asleep when the ground moved.

PREPARE THE HOME

- If you live below a steep slope or an embankment, have any new cracks

checked by a specialist and tell your municipality.

- Keep a grab bag by the door and agree where your household will meet if you have to leave fast. See the **household plan** and **Leaving home**.
- Keep the usual kit: **1** torch per person, a battery or wind-up radio, a whistle, medicines for at least **7 days**, and water at **4 L** per person per day for **72 hours**.

AFTER

- Stay away from the slide area until the authorities say it is safe. Do not walk on the debris.
- Tell rescuers where you think people may be trapped, rather than going in yourself.
- Watch for damaged roads, broken pipes and fallen cables. Treat every fallen cable as live.
- Photograph the damage before anything is moved. The insurer will ask for it.
- If heavy rain continues, keep watching for new cracks. If water is rising, follow **Flooding**.

IF YOU ARE...

LOOKING AFTER CHILDREN

- Show them the warning signs, and tell them to come away and tell an adult if they see the ground cracking or moving.

OLDER, ILL, OR LIVING WITH A DISABILITY

- If you would need help to leave quickly, agree now with a neighbour who comes to

fetch you during heavy rain, and keep your medicines and a charged phone by the bed.

WITH PETS

- Keep a lead and a carrier by the door. If your pet runs off during a slide, let rescuers know rather than going after it.

LIVING BELOW A SLOPE

- When heavy rain goes on into the night, keep shoes, a torch and your phone by the bed, and leave early if you notice any of the warning signs.

EASY-READ SUMMARY

 Move out of the way fast.

 Call for help.

 Keep a bag and a torch ready.

 Warn the people near you.

 Listen for heavy rain warnings.

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