

## National Flood Insurance Program Landslide and Debris Flow (Mudslide)

### After the Landslide

- **Stay away from the slide area.** There may be danger of additional slides.
- **Check for injured and trapped persons near the slide, without entering the direct slide area. Direct rescuers to their locations.**
- **Help a neighbor who may require special assistance - infants, elderly people, and people with disabilities.** Elderly people and people with disabilities may require additional assistance. People who care for them or who have large families may need additional assistance in emergency situations.
- **Listen to local radio or television stations for the latest emergency information.**
- **Watch for flooding, which may occur after a landslide or debris flow.** Floods sometimes follow landslides and debris flows because they may both be started by the same event.
- **Look for and report broken utility lines to appropriate authorities.** Reporting potential hazards will get the utilities turned off as quickly as possible, preventing further hazard and injury.
- **Check the building foundation, chimney, and surrounding land for damage.** Damage to foundations, chimneys, or surrounding land may help you assess the safety of the area.
- **Replant damaged ground as soon as possible since erosion caused by loss of ground cover can lead to flash flooding.**
- **Seek the advice of a geotechnical expert for evaluating landslide hazards or designing corrective techniques to reduce landslide risk.** A professional will be able to advise you of the best ways to prevent or reduce landslide risk, without creating further hazard.

### Media and Community Education Ideas

- In an area prone to landslides, publish a special newspaper section with emergency information on landslides and debris flows. Localize the information by including the phone numbers of local emergency services offices, the American Red Cross chapter, and hospitals.
- Report on what city and county governments are doing to reduce the possibility of landslides. Interview local officials about local land-use zoning regulations.
- Interview local officials and major insurers regarding the National Flood Insurance Program. Find out if debris flow is covered by flood insurance policies from the National Flood Insurance Program and contact your local emergency management office to learn more about the program.
- Work with local emergency services and [American Red Cross](#) officials to prepare special reports for people with mobility impairments on what to do if evacuation is ordered.
- Support your local government in efforts to develop and enforce land-use and building ordinances that regulate construction in areas susceptible to landslides and debris flows. Buildings should be located away from steep slopes, streams and rivers, intermittent-stream channels, and the mouths of mountain channels.