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Bolster Your Defenses Against Mudslides

Mudslides can pose a serious threat to homeowners, particularly those who reside in mountainous areas. While they can't be prevented, you can take steps to safeguard your family and property.

- Monitor the slopes above your home for cracks and other signs of displacement; downward movement could indicate impending failure and a warning to evacuate. In particular, look out for cracks in snow, ice, soil or rock; bulges at the base of slopes; holes or bare spots on hillsides; tilting trees; or increased muddiness of streams. A sudden increase in runoff is a cause for concern.¹
- Listen for unusual sounds that may indicate moving debris.
- Install a rain gauge and monitor it frequently. Intense, short bursts of rain may be particularly dangerous, especially if they follow longer periods of heavy rainfall and/or damp weather. When rainfall exceeds three to four inches per day (or ¼-inch per hour), the soil may become waterlogged.² As a result, any additional rain could trigger mudflow.
- During a heavy rainstorm, avoid sleeping in lower-level bedrooms that are positioned closely to hazardous slopes outside. The support walls in these rooms can cave under the weight of debris, trapping or crushing anything inside. Unfortunately, more than 100 Californians have been killed this way over the past two decades.
- Create an emergency evacuation plan and review it regularly with your family.

In the event of a mudslide, the following can help minimize the extent of damage.

- Call an emergency service restoration company as soon as possible to facilitate emergency repairs. Here are a few suggestions*:

Southern California

American Restoration: (714) 283.9990
Servicemaster: (800) RESPOND

Northern California

Munters Emergency Restoration: (800) MUNTERS
Olympia Restoration: (800) 606.4110

- Move undamaged items to a safe place. Roll up area rugs and remove artwork and window treatments to keep them clean and dry. Move furniture that may be in harms way. For additional tips on how to protect and safely evacuate your collections, click [HERE](#).
- Contact your independent insurance advisor. If he/she is unavailable, or in the event of an emergency, call AIG Private Client Group's claims reporting hotline at any time: (888) 760.9195.

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*This is only a recommendation; these restoration companies are not affiliated with or preferred vendors of AIG Private Client Group. In selecting a restoration company, go with one that you trust and that best suits your needs.

¹ AccessPoints, <https://www.accesspoints.com/CCC-library-landslide.php>

² California Geological Survey, http://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/information/publications/cgs_notes/note_33/Pages/index.aspx



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