

# LANDSLIDE

This fact sheet contains information on suggested actions to perform before, during and after a landslide. It also contains information about warnings, emergency contacts and general information to consider when writing your emergency management plan.

## Landslide warnings

There are no warnings for landslides however landslides may be triggered by other events such as earthquakes, heavy rain and flooding.

## Emergency contacts

Contact	Number
Life-threatening emergency (police, fire, ambulance)	000 (Triple Zero)
State Emergency Service (SES)	132 500

## Important information about landslides

Landslides do happen in Australia. 83 people have been killed in 37 landslides in Australia since 1842. Areas that are susceptible to landslides can often be identified using historical information. A landslide or landslip can vary in size from a single boulder to tens of millions of cubic metres of debris falling in an avalanche.

Landslides can occur in areas recently affected by bushfires. Floods can also follow landslides and debris flows because they may both be started by the same event.



# Action plan for landslides

Please note: these actions are general suggestions only, you will need to think of details and triggers that are specific to your park.

## Suggested actions to prevent landslide damage

- Contact your local council to ask for information on the history of landslides in your area. Landslides often occur where they have in the past.
- If you are at risk of landslides, seek advice from 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.

General preparedness actions can also help you manage in a landslide, including:

- Check currency and details of your insurance.
- Prepare an emergency kit which includes a battery powered radio, spare batteries, a torch, first aid kit and a copy of your emergency management plan.

## Suggested actions during a landslide

- Consider leaving if it is safe to do so.
- Move to a second story or higher ground if possible.
- Stay alert and if possible stay out of the path of a landslide or debris flow.
- Call for emergency assistance if needed.

## Suggested actions after a landslide

- Ensure everybody stays away from the affected area. There may be danger of additional landslides.
- Tune into your emergency broadcasters - ABC Local Radio, commercial radio and designated community radio stations, or SKY NEWS Television.
- Check for injured and trapped people near the slide, without entering the direct slide area. Direct rescuers to their locations.
- Look for and report broken utility lines and damaged roadways and railways to appropriate authorities. Reporting potential hazards will get the utilities turned off as quickly as possible, preventing further hazard and injury.
- Check any building foundations, chimneys, and surrounding areas for damage, this 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 and additional landslides in the near future.

