



# Detours Happen

## Are you prepared?

Earthquake. Sinkhole. Flood. Washout. Landslide.

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Planning for emergencies is critical. Do you know where you could shelter if you were stranded in an emergency? Have you thought about what would happen if you couldn't get home—for yourself AND your family?

Detours happen. Roads are washed out, flooded or a landslide buries them. It happens every year. Emergency crews respond to open roadways, but in a major emergency that might take days.

It is vital that you develop emergency kits with enough food and water for three days—the common length of time it may take to reach you during a major emergency. You should have kits in your car, home and office.



Landslides often happen after earthquakes or major rain events. This movement on Headquarters Road was a result of rain but expect similar road failures if an earthquake hits.

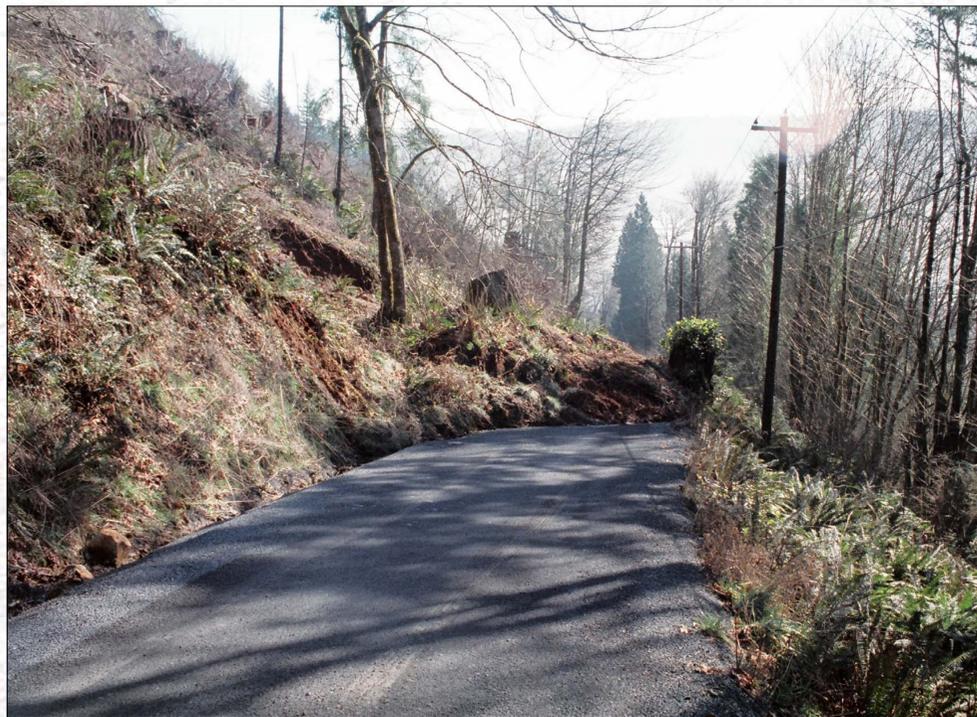


Flooding, landslides and super saturated soils often cause problems. This photo illustrates major structural problems.

## Don't wait until it's too late. Start preparing today.



Flood waters are dangerous to drivers. They hide the road as well as washouts, sinkholes or other nasty surprises. Over 50% of flood deaths are vehicle related.



Landslides, such as this one that occurred in 1996, can occur at almost any time during our wet winters, completely cutting off access.



The Pacific Northwest has abundant water. During winter storms, streams and rivers can do unpredictable things, washing out roads and cutting off access from family homes to emergency services, as occurred on Abernathy Creek Road in January 2009.

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