

Landslides

Landslides can happen very suddenly. People who live in a landslide area may not have any warning before a landslide happens. In just a few minutes, soil and rocks can slide down the side of a hill and cover everything in its path.



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In 1995 and 2005, the town of La Conchita, California, experienced landslides after a heavy rainfall. All of a sudden, mud and rocks slid down the hill and covered some of the homes. Both landslides happened in just a few minutes.