



# Information about the landslides in Tauranga



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## Before you start



This information may upset some people when they are reading it.



If you are upset after reading this Easy Read there is information on who you can talk to on **pages 9 to 10**.

# What has happened



There was a lot of very heavy rain in parts of the North Island of New Zealand on:

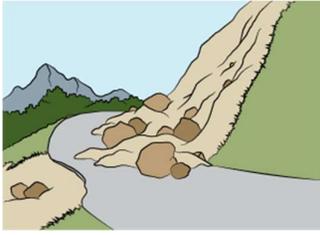
- Wednesday 21 January 2026
- and
- Thursday 22 January 2026



The heavy rain caused:

- **landslides**
- and
- floods.





A **landslide** is when a large amount of land moves down a slope.

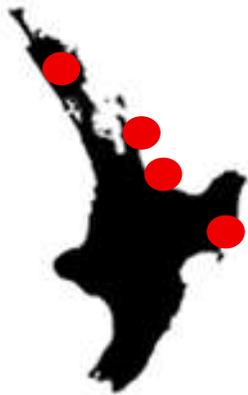
A landslide can be made of:

- rocks / rubble
- trees
- soil / earth.



The places affected by the rain were:

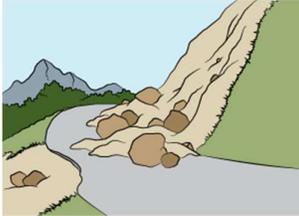
- Te Tai Tokerau / Northland
- Coromandel
- Tauranga
- Tairāwhiti / Gisborne.





On the 22 January 2026 there were 2 landslides in Tauranga.

The landslides were in:



- Pāpāmoa
- Mount Manganui

Sadly:



- 2 people died in the Pāpāmoa landslide.
- 6 people died in the Mount Manganui landslide.



The Mount Maunganui landslide was very big.

It pushed mud / trees through a camping ground.

The landslide went through:



- tents

- caravans / campervan



- a toilet block

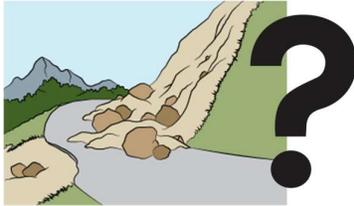
- swimming / hot pools centre.



Most people at the camping ground got away to a safe place.



People living / working near Mount Maunganui are safe.



The base of Mount Maunganui is not open to people as more landslides may happen.



Only people supporting the emergency work can be on Mount Maunganui.



These people are doing things like:

- searching / looking for the missing people
- doing work to make things safer.



Information will be given to people who live in the community to say when Mount Maunganui is safe again



There is a lot of information about what happened at Mount Maunganui.



Some of this information is **fake news**.



**Fake news** is information that is not true.



Talk to someone you trust like a friend about what is most likely to be:

- true
- not true.

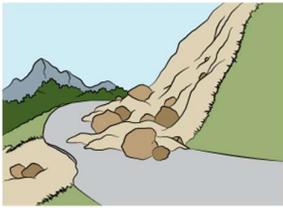


There will be an **investigation** to find out:

- why the landslide happened

and

- how to stop it from happening again.



Here an **investigation** means looking at something to find out why something happened.

# Support



What happened from the landslides may be upsetting for some people.



If you want to talk about how you are feeling you can visit the:

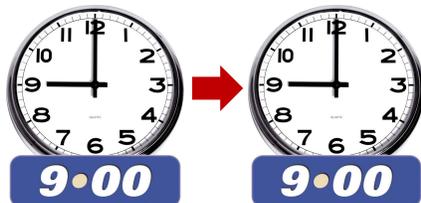
**He Maimai Aroha Community Care Centre.**

You can find this this centre is at:



**249 Maunganui Rd**

**Mount Maunganui**



This centre is open every day from 9 am to 9 pm.



If it is hard to get to the centre you can talk about how you feel with your:

- whānau / family
- friends.



You can also contact a **trained counsellor** at Need to Talk by:

- calling 1737
- texting 1737



A **trained counsellor** is someone who can help you talk about your feelings.



It does not cost any money to call / text 1737.

# Be ready for an emergency



It is important to be ready in case an emergency happens.

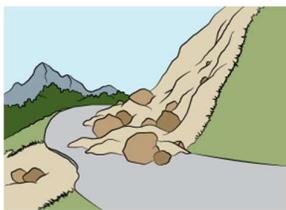
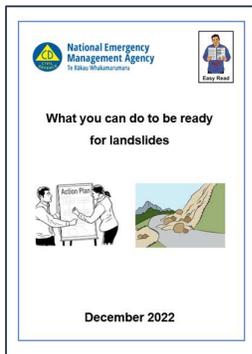
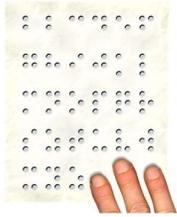


This part of the Easy Read reminds you where to get information about what to do in an emergency.



You can find information about how to get ready for an emergency in **Alternate Formats** at this **website**:

<https://tinyurl.com/EmAltFormats>



**Alternate Formats** means things like:

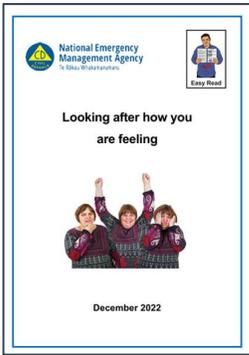
- Braille
- Easy Read
- New Zealand Sign Language.

Find out what to do if a landslide happens near where you live at this **website**:

**<https://tinyurl.com/AboutLandslides>**

This information tells you what to do:

- before a landslide might happen
- during a landslide
- after a landslide happens.



Find out how to look after your mental wellbeing after an emergency happens at this **website**:

**<https://tinyurl.com/EmWellbeing>**



Some roads will be closed.



Find out about closed roads before you travel by visiting the New Zealand Transport Agency **website**:

**<https://tinyurl.com/ChangeTPlans>**



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