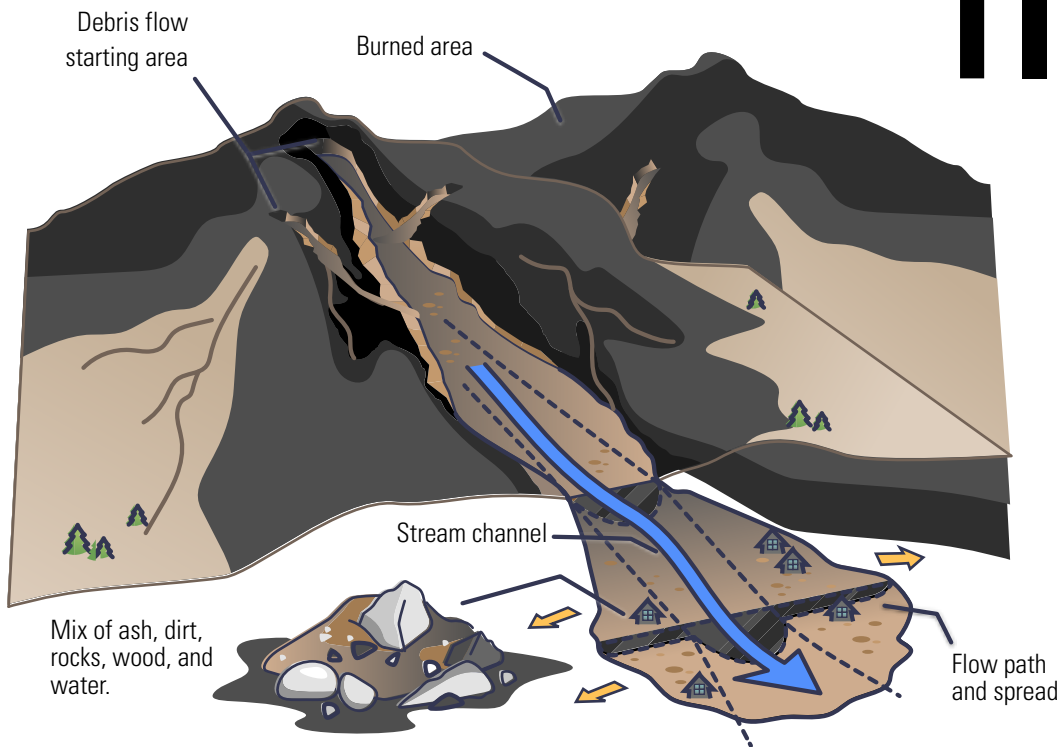


POST-FIRE DEBRIS FLOW HAZARDS

TIPS TO KEEP YOU SAFE



SAFETY TIP #1

LEAVE **BEFORE** STORM ARRIVES.
IF YOU WAIT, YOU'RE **TOO LATE**

Get out of a debris flow danger area before the storm arrives. Debris flows can travel faster than a person can run. If you wait to be sure a debris flow is headed your way, it will be too late to leave safely.



SAFETY TIP #2

IF CAN'T LEAVE,
GET TO **HIGH GROUND**

If you get caught in a debris flow danger area, get to the highest point that you can get to safety before the debris flow arrives. Get to high ground. Go uphill or upstairs, get on a roof, or climb a tree.



SAFETY TIP #3

LISTEN FOR WARNING SIGNS
AND **REACT** ACCORDINGLY

Know the warning signs that a debris flow is about to arrive. Listen and watch for rushing water, mud, and unusual sounds. Survivors describe sounds of cracking, breaking, roaring, or a freight train.

A **debris flow** is a rapidly moving mixture of ash, dirt, rocks, trees, and water that travels down valley. They can easily overflow channels and severely damage houses, vehicles, and other property. Often referred to as 'mudflows,' they can occur days to years after a fire. A debris flow can start on a dry slope after only a few minutes of intense rain, which can be as little as half an inch in an hour. Debris flows can travel many miles downstream and affect areas that weren't burned, nor received any rain.