

# ADVICE TO SQUATTERS

## in Respect of Landslips



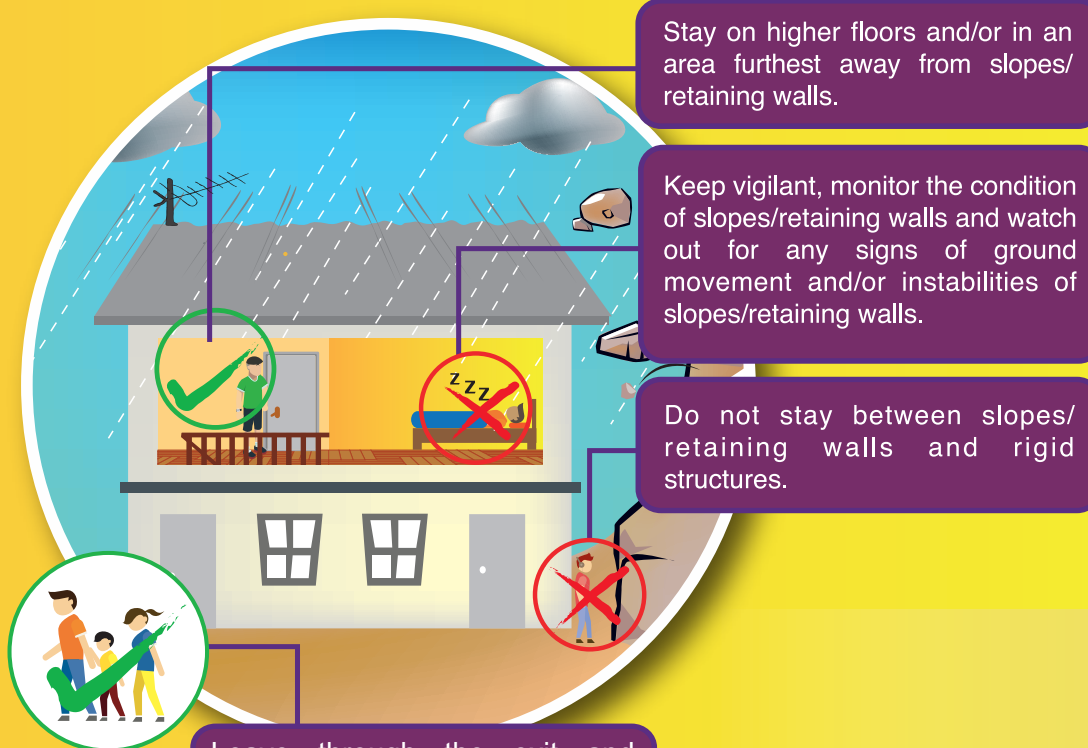
Keep away from slopes/retaining walls when Landslip Warning is in force or during heavy rain



## When There is Heavy Rainfall or Landslip Warning is In Force



- If the Government notifies you to evacuate, you should follow the instructions to immediately evacuate your squatter to a safe place.
- Suitable temporary shelter(s) will be opened as and when needed at the discretion of District Officer(s) to provide a temporary safe place for people in need.
- When evacuating from your squatter structure, you should leave through the exit and passageway away from slopes/retaining walls.
- Keep staying away from slopes/retaining walls after heavy rainfall as risk of landslide is still high.
- If you need emergency assistance, please call 999 for help.



- Pay attention to broadcasts from radio or television, or visit the website of Hong Kong Observatory to receive the latest news and warnings.
- You should stay on the higher floors and/or in an area furthest away from slopes/retaining walls.
- If you believe that your squatter structure could be endangered by landslide risks (for example, when signs of landslide such as bulging, cracks or soil washouts appear), you should go to a safe place if condition permits.
- If a landslide occurs, you should stay away from the failure areas and call 999.

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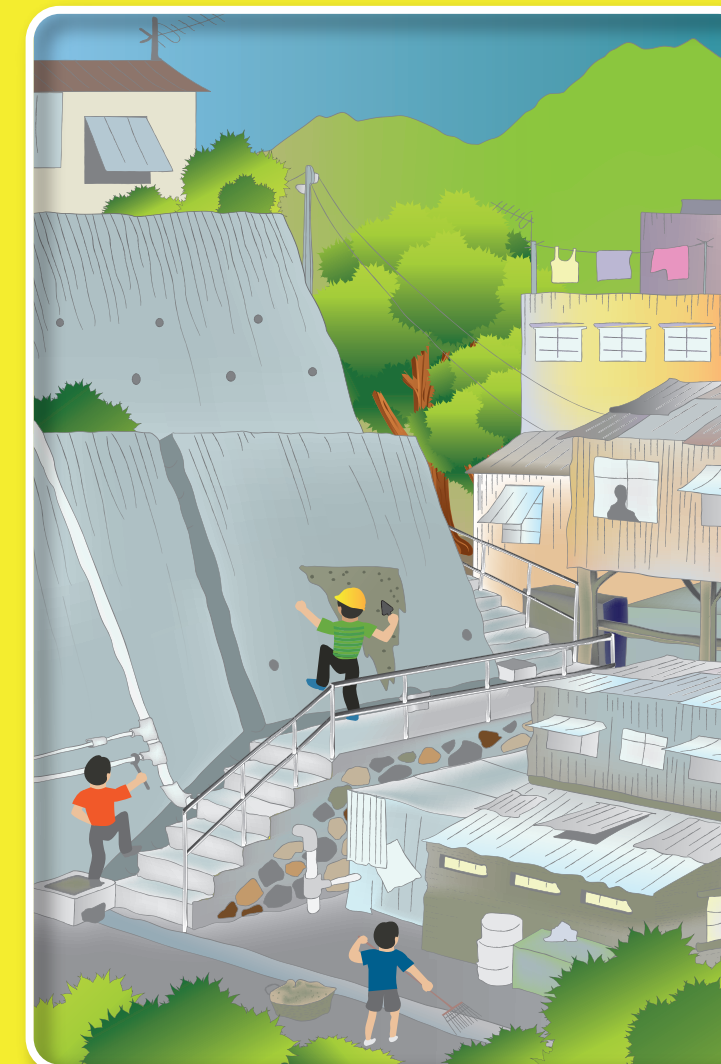
Keep vigilant, monitor the condition of slopes/retaining walls and watch out for any signs of ground movement and/or instabilities of slopes/retaining walls.

Do not stay between slopes/retaining walls and rigid structures.

Leave through the exit and passageway away from slopes/retaining wall when evacuating from the squatter structure under landslide risks.

## Routine Precautionary Measures

- Rainwater and domestic use water should be collected and discharged into drains. Do not discharge water directly onto the slopes.
- Do not carry out any unauthorized cultivation or site formation on hillside.
- If leaky water-carrying pipe is found, inform the pipe owners to arrange repair works as soon as possible.
- If you are responsible for the maintenance of the slopes/retaining walls or you are the owner of the water-carrying pipes, you should:
  - Keep the slopes/retaining walls in good condition.
  - Clear accumulated debris from drainage channels and slope surface.
  - Repair cracked or damaged drainage channels, cover of slope surface and its crest area.
  - Remove any vegetation causing cracking of slope surface cover and drainage channels.
  - Unblock weepholes.
  - Examine all water-carrying pipes periodically to ensure that they do not leak into the slopes/retaining walls. Repair leaky water-carrying pipes as soon as possible.
  - Refer to the Layman's Guide to Slope Maintenance for details of maintenance of slopes/retaining walls.



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For location of temporary shelters,  
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2835 1473/ (activated when Tropical Cyclone Signal  
2572 8427 No. 3 or above, Landslip Warning, Red  
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