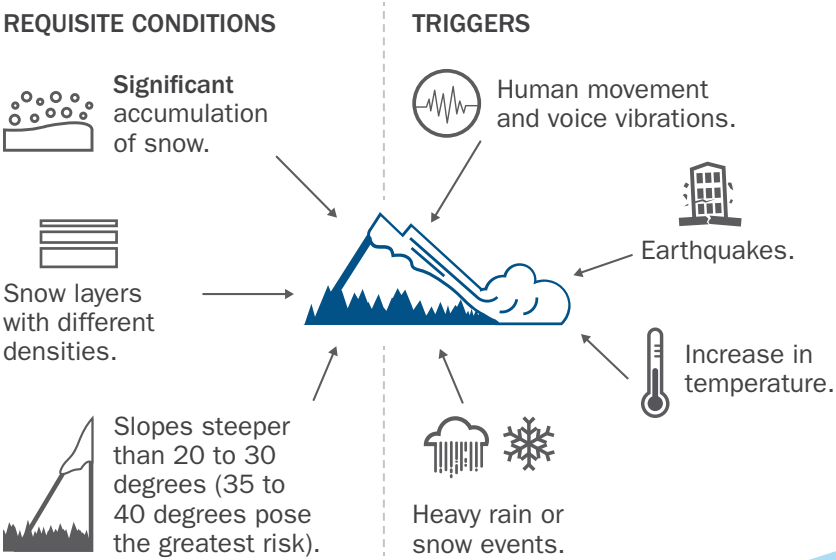


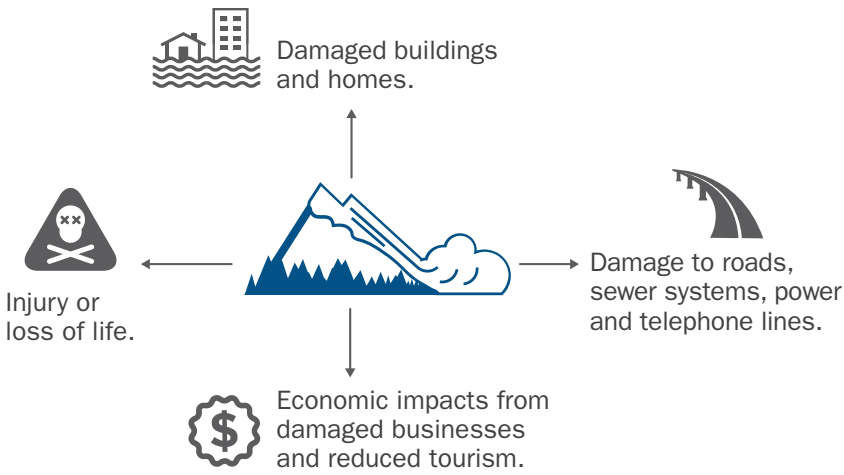
AVALANCHE

The swift downhill movement of a large mass of snow, ice, earth, rock, and other material.

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IMPACTS



Reducing Risk

HOW I CAN REDUCE MY RISK

- Find out if you live, work, or travel through a known avalanche zone.
- Learn to identify warning signs and triggering events by reviewing information from www.avalanche.org/national-avalanche-center/
- Sign up for emergency notifications.
- Check current conditions and forecasts before doing outdoor activities.
- Get professional advice about the use of protective structures.

HOW LOCAL OFFICIALS CAN REDUCE MY RISK

- Relocate homes in high-risk areas.
- Adopt and require building, construction, or zoning standards to reduce avalanche damage.
- Trigger controlled avalanches to prevent dangerous levels of snow accumulation.
- Develop an Avalanche Path Study Area Map. Conduct a specific avalanche-hazard study.
- Delineate areas of known and potential avalanche paths.
- Adopt an avalanche ordinance to restrict development in high-risk areas. Limit access during post-avalanche periods.
- Protect vulnerable structures and infrastructure using protective measures. These include retention, redistribution, or catchment structures.

Additional Resources

Ready.gov
www.ready.gov/avalanche

National Avalanche Center
www.avalanche.org/national-avalanche-center/

Contact your local or state emergency management department for more information on avalanche risk reduction.