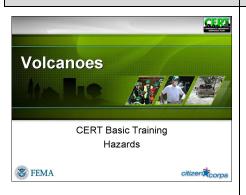
### **Volcanoes**



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A **lahar** is a type of mudflow composed of pyroclastic material and water that flows down from a volcano, typically along a river valley.

#### Introduction

Explain that a <u>volcano</u> is a vent through which molten rock escapes to the Earth's surface. Unlike other mountains, which are pushed up from below, volcanoes are built by surface accumulation of their eruptive products—layers of lava, ashflows, and ash. When pressure from gases within the molten rock becomes too great, an eruption occurs.

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Tell the group that the United States is third in the world, after Japan and Indonesia, for the number of active volcanoes. Since 1980, as many as five volcanoes have erupted each year in the United States.

Point out that eruptions are most likely to occur in Hawaii and Alaska. For the Cascade Range in Washington, Oregon, and California, volcanoes erupt on the average of one to two each century.

Also, when Cascade volcanoes do erupt, high-speed avalanches of <u>pyroclastic flows (hot ash and rock)</u>, <u>lava flows</u>, <u>and landslides</u> can devastate areas 10 or more miles away. Lahars can inundate valleys more than 50 miles downstream.

### INSTRUCTOR GUIDANCE CONTENT Emphasize that the island of Hawaii (the largest of the Hawaiian Islands) experiences thousands of earthquakes associated with active volcanoes each year. While most of these are too small to feel, about once a decade a large quake shakes the entire island and causes widespread damage. Explain that volcanoes produce a wide variety of hazards that can kill people and destroy property. Large explosive eruptions can endanger people and property hundreds of miles away and can even affect the global climate. Volcanic Hazards Volcano Hazards Tee Toxic gases Tell the group that volcanic hazards include: · Lava and pyroclastic flows Landslides Toxic gases Earthquakes Explosive eruptions Lava and pyroclastic flows Landslides Earthquakes **ॐ** FEMA CERT Basic Training Unit 1: Volcanoes **Explosive eruptions** Display Slide V-2 Point out that eruptions can be relatively guiet, producing lava flows that creep across the land at 2 to 10 miles per hour (mph). Explosive eruptions can shoot columns of gases and rock fragments tens of miles into the atmosphere, spreading ash hundreds of miles downwind. Define lava flows as streams of molten rock that either pour from a vent quietly or erupt explosively as lava fountains. Because of their intense heat, lava flows are also great fire hazards. Lava flows destroy everything in their path, but most move slowly enough that people can move out of the way.

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	Explain that, it is, however, almost impossible to channel the lava flow away from towns and neighborhoods. Do not attempt to divert a lava flow; ultimately, it will destroy anything in its path. The speed at which lava moves across the ground depends on several factors, including the:
	Type of lava that has erupted
	Steepness of the ground
	<ul> <li>Rate of lava production at the vent</li> </ul>
	Remind participants that the lava flow on the surface cools faster than the lava trapped inside the crust.  NEVER climb on a lava crust unless it has been deemed safe by a proper authority.
	Accompanying Hazards
Accompanying Hazards  • Volcanic eruptions can be accompanied by other natural hazards, including:  • Mudflows (including lahars)  • Flash floods  • Wildland fires  • Tsunamis (under special conditions)  • Earthquakes	Explain that volcanic eruptions can be accompanied by other natural hazards, including:  Mudflows (including lahars)  Flash floods  Wildland fires  Tsunamis (under special conditions)
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	Emphasize that historically, <u>lahars</u> have been one of the deadliest volcano hazards. Lahars are mudflows or debris flows composed mostly of volcanic materials on the flanks of a volcano. These flows of mud, rock, and water can rush down valley and stream channels at speeds of 20 to 40 miles per hour and can travel more than 50 miles.
	Caution the group that lahars can occur both during an eruption and when a volcano is quiet. The water that creates lahars can come from melting snow and ice, intense rainfall, or the breakout of a summit crater lake.
	Volcanic Ash
**	What are some hazards associated with volcanic ash?
Allow the participants time to respond.	
Volcanic Ash	Use the slide to elaborate on the hazards. Explain that volcanic ash is actually fine, glassy rock fragments that can affect people and equipment hundreds of miles away from the cone of the volcano. Volcanic ash will:
Contaminates water supplies     Causes electrical storms	Cause severe respiratory problems
Disrupts the operation of all machinery and causes engine failure	Diminish visibility
Collapses roofs	Contaminate water supplies
FEMA CERT Basic Training V-4 CERT Basic Training Unit 1: Volcanoes	Cause electrical storms
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	Collapse roofs

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	Volcanic Eruption Preparedness
<b>?</b>	How can you prepare for volcanic eruptions?
Allow the participants time to respond.	
Preparing for an Eruption  Understand the risk Talk to your insurance agency Prepare disaster supply kit Develop evacuation plan Develop shelter-in-place plan	<ul> <li>Emphasize key steps in volcanic eruption preparedness:</li> <li>Understand the risk. Take time to learn about the risk from volcanic eruption in your area.</li> <li>Talk to your insurance agent. Find out what your homeowner's policy will or will not cover in the event of a volcanic eruption.</li> <li>Prepare a disaster supply kit, including goggles and dust mask for every family member.</li> <li>Develop an evacuation plan. Everyone in your family should know where to go if they have to leave.</li> <li>Develop a shelter-in-place plan if you determine that the central risk relates to ash rather than lava flows.</li> <li>During a Volcanic Eruption</li> </ul>
<b>?</b>	What should you do <u>during</u> a volcanic eruption?
Allow the participants time to respond.	

### INSTRUCTOR GUIDANCE CONTENT Summarize the discussion using the information from the During an Eruption slide below. Be sure to make the following points: Follow evacuation orders Avoid areas downwind and river valleys Follow evacuation orders. Staying at home to wait downstream of the volcano out an eruption, if you are in a hazardous zone, could • If outside, protect yourself from ashfall be very dangerous. Take the advice of local • Be prepared for accompanying hazards authorities. Avoid areas downwind and river valleys downstream of the volcano. Debris and ash will be carried by **ॐ** FEMA CERT Basic Training Unit 1: Volcanoes wind and gravity. Stay in areas where you will not be exposed further to volcanic eruption hazards. Display Slide V-6 If outside, protect yourself from ashfall. Volcanic ash will cause severe injury to breathing passages, eyes, and open wounds, and irritation to skin. In addition, ashfall will often make travel impossible as it limits visibility and can cause engine failure. Be prepared for accompanying hazards. Know how to respond to reduce your risk. After a Volcanic Eruption What should you do after a volcanic eruption? Allow the participants time to respond.

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## INSTRUCTOR GUIDANCE CONTENT Summarize the discussion using the information from the After an Eruption slide below. Be sure to make the following points: • Stay away from volcanic ashfall areas Stay away from volcanic ashfall areas. The fine, Avoid driving in heavy ashfall • If you have a respiratory ailment, avoid glassy particles of volcanic ash will increase the contact with any amount of ash health risk to children and people with existing respiratory conditions such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema. Avoid driving in heavy ashfall. Driving will stir up **ॐ** FEMA volcanic ash that can clog engines and stall vehicles. Moving parts, including bearings, brakes, and Display Slide V-7 transmissions, can be damaged from abrasion. If you have a respiratory ailment, avoid contact with any amount of ash. Stay indoors until local health officials advise that it is safe to go outside. Does anyone have any additional questions, comments, or concerns, about volcanic eruptions?

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