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Are you ready for a rockfall?

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It is critical that Christmas Island residents and visitors understand the risk of land slippage and rockfall, particularly in the Flying Fish Cove and Kampong residential area.

The risks of rockfall and landslide increase in wet season and with increased rainfall, high wind or seismic activity.

In the event of high rainfall, or after rockfall or landslide, warning signals may be activated. People need to be ready to respond and evacuate the area immediately if alarms are sounded or if asked to do so.

No access behind berms or rockfall fences is permitted at any time, for the safety of the community.

If a landslide or rockfall event occurs, access to the affected areas may be restricted, in line with the Rockfall Risk Management Plan.

The Rockfall boom gate at Flying Fish Cove will be closed in the event of high rainfall or as needed in event of rockfall or landslide. Other road closures and speed limitations will occur as needed.

If evacuations are required, the AFP or an Australian Government official will make contact with affected residents and building occupants.

Be aware of our environment and any changes to it that you notice. If you see any rockfalls or landslides, report them immediately to the on-call Australian Federal Police on 9164 8444.

Ahead of the wet season and increased cyclone risk, please all review your storm preparedness safety plans, to best ensure you and your family's safety. The ongoing awareness and cooperation of the community is appreciated as we work to ensure your safety and protection.

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