

Piopiotahi Milford Sound

Emergency Management & Natural Hazards Induction Tool

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Piopiotahi Milford Sound is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most dynamic natural environments. Its remote location, steep fiord walls, and active geology mean that everyone who works or spends time there needs to know what the natural hazards are, and how to stay safe.

This Emergency Management & Natural Hazards Induction Tool has been developed to give staff and contractors a practical overview of the main natural hazards specific to this area – flooding, earthquakes, landslides and tsunamis – along with the safety actions relevant to each.

The tool is available at:
<https://arcg.is/OT8Pfr0>

Who is the tool for

This tool is for anyone who is employed, contracted, or otherwise spends extended time in Piopiotahi Milford Sound – including tourism operators, transport and aviation staff, DOC staff, contractors, guides and concession holders. If your role brings you into the fiord environment, you should complete this induction before you travel there.

How to use

The tool is free to access and does not require a login. We recommend all employers include it in staff and contractor induction packs, and that staff return to it annually – ideally at the start of each season – as a refresher on emergency management and natural hazards at Piopiotahi Milford Sound.

For more information on natural hazard risk research, management and communication at Piopiotahi Milford Sound, visit:
cdsouthland.nz/piopiotahi-milford-sound



This tool is not an emergency response or evacuation plan. It does not provide, replace, or override operational instructions for managing or responding to natural hazard events.

The information contained within this tool reflects current understanding of hazard risk at the time of development and is subject to change as new scientific, operational, or contextual information becomes available. It will be reviewed annually.

What to expect

The tool can be accessed directly in a web browser, and is best viewed on desktop or larger screens. Some details may be harder to see on phones and smaller screens.

It takes approximately 12 minutes to complete. Work through the sections in order using the scroll bar or navigation menu. At the end of the tool you'll be asked to complete a short survey. This is to help keep track of who has completed this tool as part of their induction.