

Grindavík

Important safety information about Grindavík and surrounding areas



Show caution, follow signs and respect people's homes and properties

Grindavík is a town in the southwestern part of the Reykjanes Peninsula. Seismic activity in the area has been steadily increasing over the past several years, with multiple volcanic eruptions occurring since 2023. Due to the heightened risk of a volcanic eruption near the town, Grindavík was evacuated in November 2023. In January 2024, an eruption near the town caused lava to flow e.g. over several houses on the outskirts of town.

Since then, the probability of an eruption near the town has decreased significantly, and the town was reopened to the public in October 2024. Major countermeasures have been implemented to enhance safety in the town. Some residents have chosen to stay in the town, please show respect.





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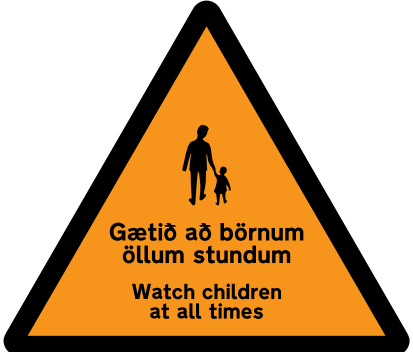
The seismic activity leading up to these eruptions caused significant damage, including a crack opening both within and around the town, causing great damage and destruction to many homes and infrastructure.

Countermeasures to enhance safety in Grindavík have been ongoing, including measures such as mapping, land surveying, geodetic surveying, and visual inspections. Additionally, cracks have been filled or fenced off, and stress tests have been carried out at the repaired sites. Grindavík is now considered safer to visit. In October 2024, the town was reopened for visitors.

Important guidelines

Important guidelines for visitors to Grindavík:

- Stay out of fenced areas.
- Children are the responsibility of adults and must never leave their sight.
- Respect private property by not approaching or entering peoples homes or gardens.
- In the event of an evacuation, leave the area immediately via the nearest escape route.
- In case of evacuation drive safely.
- Drones are prohibited in the area.
- Do not stop on the side of the road on your way to town, as this increases the risk of serious traffic accidents.
- Walking on the lava is prohibited, as certain areas remain dangerously hot.
- In case of an emergency call the emergency line at 112.





In case of an evacuation

If the emergency alarm sounds, **leave the town immediately** using the nearest marked escape route and drive safely.

Security and emergency personnel are present in the town and will share information if certain escape routes need to be closed.

Please note that the evacuation siren is tested on the last Wednesday of every month at 11:00.

In case of emergency call 112