



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Papua New Guinea, U.S. Embassy Travel Restriction

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U.S. Embassy Port Moresby released the following Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens on October 19, 2011:

U.S. Embassy Port Moresby informs U.S. citizens traveling to, or residing in Papua New Guinea that effective immediately, and until further notice, U.S. Embassy personnel are prohibited from flying on Airlines PNG. U.S. Embassy personnel may fly Airlines PNG only with the advance approval of the U.S. Ambassador to Papua New Guinea and only for U.S. Embassy essential business. Airlines PNG has experienced two plane crashes in the last 26 months in Papua New Guinea, resulting in 41 deaths. The most recent crash was on October 13, 2011.

We encourage U.S. citizens to maintain updated profiles in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at www.travel.state.gov. Free STEP enrollment allows the U.S. Embassy to better assist you in emergencies such as natural disasters, unrest in foreign countries, or lost/stolen passports overseas. STEP can also help your family and friends reach you in an emergency.

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In addition to information on the internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, from other countries, on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Eastern Time (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Papua New Guinea is located on Douglas Street, adjacent to the Bank of Papua New Guinea, in Port Moresby. You can reach the Embassy by calling +675 321-1455 or by emailing ConsularPortMoresby@state.gov. The emergency after-hours emergency telephone number is +675 7200-9439.