



## **Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Tegucigalpa (Honduras) Officials Extend Alerts Due to Effects of Tropical Storm Rina**

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U.S. Embassy Tegucigalpa released the following Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens on October 28, 2011:

The U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa informs U.S. citizens in Honduras that various areas of the country continue to experience the effects of Tropical Storm Rina. As of October 26th, the Honduran Comisión Permanente de Contingencias (COPECO), extended alerts to various departments in Honduras due to the effects of Rina's rains. The Embassy strongly encourages U.S. citizens in Honduras to closely monitor Tropical Storm Rina. U.S. citizens should monitor local and international media reports, and follow the instructions of local emergency officials.

COPECO extended Yellow alerts until October 28 for the following departments: Bay Islands, Colón, Atlántida and Gracias a Dios. COPECO has also extended a Green alert to the departments of Olancho, Yoro, Cortes, Choluteca and Valle. According to the National Hurricane Center (NHC), Rina has been downgraded to tropical storm status as of 10:00 a.m. EST Oct. 27. Rina has maximum sustained winds of 70 mph. As of noon on Oct. 27, Rina was located 115 miles south of Cozumel and was moving to the northwest at 6 mph.

U.S. citizens should carry their travel documents at all times (e.g., U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in a safe, waterproof location. We also suggest that U.S. citizens contact friends and family in the United States with updates about their whereabouts.

For information from the Honduran Comisión Permanente de Contingencias (COPECO), including national alerts from the Honduran government, please visit: <http://copeco.gob.hn/n/>.

For the most-up-to-date weather information, please visit the National Hurricane Center's website: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>.

Further information on hurricanes and hurricane preparedness is available on the State Department's website: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis\\_pa\\_tw\\_2915.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis_pa_tw_2915.html).

Also visit Consular Affairs' website on "Natural Disasters":

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies\\_1207.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1207.html).



The U.S. National Hurricane Center (NHC) (<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>) provides accurate, frequently updated weather forecasts, the trajectory of storm systems, and other valuable information on changing weather patterns that might affect the area you live in or plan to visit in Honduras.

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If you are going to live in or visit Honduras, please take the time to tell our Embassy about your trip. If you sign up, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. We can also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. Here is the link to the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. U.S. citizens should consult the Country Specific Information for Honduras and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the State Department's website: [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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