



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Severe Weather, Bulgaria

Winter weather; Floods

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Severe winter weather throughout Bulgaria has caused dangerous flooding in the southern regions of Haskovo, Smolyan, Kurdjali and Stara Zagora. We advise U.S. citizens in the region to monitor local conditions closely, to avoid river areas while the risk of flooding persists, and to follow the instructions and guidance of local officials. In addition, because of heavy snow and record low temperatures, some roads and mountain passes throughout the country are impassable. The U.S. Embassy reminds all U.S. Citizens to stay alert to weather conditions throughout Bulgaria. The extreme winter weather conditions may cause disruption of travel and have caused periodic closures of border-crossing points with neighboring countries.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Sofia website. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have Internet access, we have a call center for updates. You can call 1-888-407-4747, which is toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444, a regular toll line which is available outside the U.S. and Canada.

We encourage U.S. citizens living or traveling in Bulgaria to register with the U.S. Embassy in Sofia through the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to obtain updated information on travel and security within Bulgaria. By registering, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly at the U.S. Embassy in Sofia.

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