



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Severe Winter Weather Conditions

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The U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo informs U.S. citizens residing in or visiting Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) of continuing severe winter weather conditions impacting the country. More snow and frigid temperatures are forecasted for the next seven days (February 10-17). We urge U.S. citizens to stay alert and to monitor local weather reports closely and follow the instructions provided by local BiH officials.

The entire Federation and parts of the Republic of Srpska currently remain under a state of emergency. Because of heavy snow and record low temperatures in Bosnia and Herzegovina, road conditions are hazardous with most roads covered in snow and ice. In addition, the Mostar region is experiencing severe power outages. According to press reports, regular access routes to many villages in eastern Bosnia are also blocked. Public schools have been closed temporarily. The airport in Sarajevo is open.

The Embassy strongly recommends that U.S. citizens consider the necessity of traveling through areas impacted by the severe weather conditions, and encourages U.S. citizens to follow the instructions and guidance provided by local officials and traffic police. U.S. citizens should also be mindful that local authorities may have limited ability to offer services in case of emergencies.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website, as well as the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information are located. The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. 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 U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

We also encourage U.S. citizens living or traveling in Bosnia and Herzegovina to register with the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo through the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to obtain updated information on travel and security within Bosnia and Herzegovina. By



registering, U.S. citizens make it easier for the U.S. Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy Sarajevo is located at 1 Robert C. Frasure Street, 71000 Sarajevo. In the event of an emergency, you can reach the Embassy at (033) 704 000. You may also contact the Consular Section via e-mail at rws@state.gov.