



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: New South Wales (Australia) Warns of Torrential Rain, Flooding

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The Department of State has issued this warning to alert U.S. citizens of a serious rain event in New South Wales. Torrential and ongoing rainfall in parts of the state over the past several weeks have led to flash flooding, road closures and evacuations. U.S. citizens are encouraged to monitor local weather conditions and to reconsider their need to travel to the affected areas. U.S. citizens residing in the affected areas are further encouraged to follow the guidance of the State Emergency Service (SES) and other local authorities.

For the most up to date information on the situation, please visit the New South Wales Government's Flood website. Additional information about transportation disruptions, evacuations, flood warnings, school closures and financial assistance for flood victims can also be found on the New South Wales Emergency Management website.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Consulate General Sydney web site. 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. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App for travel information at your fingertips.

If you are going to live in or travel to Australia, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.