



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Maputo (Mozambique) Tropical Cyclone Irina

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This Emergency Message is to advise you that Tropical Cyclone Irina, currently in the Mozambican Channel, is forecast by several weather models to make landfall in southern Mozambique on Sunday or Monday as a tropical storm. Although forecasts are not in full agreement at this time, it seems likely that Maputo and most of southern Mozambique will be receiving a large amount of rain in the coming days. The storm is expected to be mostly a rain event, but with any tropical storm, strong or even damaging winds may accompany the storm.

You should take appropriate precautions to protect yourself from the storm, including staying away from the shoreline, moving inland if necessary, and being alert to potential flood conditions. You should follow all official government instructions regarding storm preparations. All U.S. citizens in affected areas should secure their travel documents, (i.e., U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture IDs, etc.) by placing them in a safe, waterproof container (plastic bag) and carrying them at all times. U.S. citizens are reminded to keep friends and family in the United States apprised of your whereabouts. We encourage you to monitor weather reports regularly because the projected path of a cyclone may change rapidly.

For information on the cyclone's current track see the following websites:

1. UN World Metrological Organization: <http://severe.worldweather.wmo.int/tc/swi/index.html>
2. For information on disaster preparedness, see the U.S. Department of State's webpage on Natural Disasters.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the website of the U.S. Embassy in Maputo. 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 Warning, 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



don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or, for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Mozambique, 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.

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