



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Fiji, Widespread Flooding in Low-lying Areas

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The U.S. Embassy in Suva, Fiji, informs U.S. citizens residing in or traveling to the Republic of Fiji that torrential rains have created widespread flooding in low-lying areas throughout Fiji. Some roads may be closed, and even those that have reopened may be difficult to use because of downed power lines and debris. Electricity, water, and landline telephone communications in some of the most affected areas have also been disrupted due to flooding. More rainfall and possibly more flooding are predicted in the next three to four days on Fiji's islands.

On Friday, March 30, the Fiji weather service issued the following warning: "A severe flood warning remains in force for major rivers, streams, and low lying areas in the western division. A strong wind warning is now in force for the land areas of the Fiji Group." We urge U.S. citizens to consult the Fiji Meteorological Service's website for the latest weather information.

You should protect your travel and identity documents against loss or damage, as the need to replace lost documentation could delay or otherwise complicate your return to the United States. Secure your travel documents (i.e., U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture IDs, etc.) by placing them in a safe, waterproof location or carrying the documents with them. You are urged to locate shelter, monitor media reports, and follow all official instructions.

Tell family and friends in the United States of your whereabouts, and keep in close contact with your tour operator, hotel staff, and local officials for information about the flooding, including possible evacuation and shelter information.

U.S. citizens in Fiji are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Those enrolled in STEP receive Messages and Emergency Messages for U.S. citizens. These messages are placed on our website at the same time that they are sent via email to STEP enrollees. U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll in person at the U.S. Embassy. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

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Updated information on travel and security in Fiji may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, on 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). For further information, please consult the Embassy website, the Country Specific Information for Tonga, as well as the Worldwide Caution. You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which also contains current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook, and download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.