



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Guatemala, Seismic Activity at Fuego Volcano

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The following is an Emergency Message for U.S. citizens regarding the ongoing seismic activity at the Fuego Volcano, located approximately 25 miles southwest of Guatemala City and eight miles south of Antigua. Please share the following information with any other U.S. citizens you know, as soon as possible. We hope to have this message disseminated as widely as possible within the U.S. citizen community. Please contact the American Citizen Services Unit via e-mail (amcitsguatemala@state.gov), fax (2331-3804), or telephone (2326-4501) if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your support and assistance.

This Message is being issued to alert U.S. citizens residing and traveling in Guatemala, particularly in the areas immediately surrounding the Fuego volcano ("Volcán de Fuego") of the ongoing seismic activity at the volcano.

According to Guatemalan government agencies that are closely monitoring the situation, the Fuego Volcano continues to experience high levels of seismic activity, including explosions. Volcanic ash is reaching up to 10 kilometers high and is being driven west and southwest by current winds. Lava is flowing on the southern, southeastern and southwestern slopes of the volcano. The Guatemalan meteorological and disaster preparedness agencies have alerted local Civil Aviation officials to the presence of the volcanic ash.

U.S. citizens should monitor local and international media reports and follow the instructions of local emergency officials. U.S. citizens should carry their travel documents or copies thereof at all times (i.e. U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in safe, waterproof locations. We also suggest that U.S. citizens contact friends and family in the United States with updates about their whereabouts.

For continued updates on Fuego Volcano, residents and travelers are advised to monitor <http://conred.gob.gt/>

U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad are encouraged to enroll in our Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) with the nearest U.S. Embassy through the State Department's



travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security. Americans without Internet access may register in person with the nearest U.S. Embassy. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs' website www.travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html, 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.

The U.S. Embassy in Guatemala is located at Avenida Reforma 7-01, Zone 10, Guatemala City. Please contact the American Citizen Services Unit by email to amcitsguatemala@state.gov, by phone at 011-(502)2326-4501, or by fax at (502)2331-3804. The after-hours emergency number is 011-502-2331-2354 or (502)2331-2354.