



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Seoul (South Korea), Typhoon Sanba

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This message is being issued to alert U.S. citizens residing or traveling in the Republic of Korea that the Joint Typhoon Warning Center has issued warnings for a typhoon that at this time is currently located near the coast of Japan and is moving towards the Korean peninsula.

For further details, see the Joint Typhoon Warning Center's Tropical Cyclone Warning at <http://www.usno.navy.mil/JTWC/>

We will continue to monitor Typhoon Sanba's track. Please monitor the typhoon's track by listening to the radio, and watching television. For English-language information on the typhoon situation on the Korean peninsula, please refer to Armed Forces Network FM at 102.7, and/or TBS English FM 101.3.

Carry your travel documents at all times (i.e. U.S. Passport, Birth Certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in safe, waterproof location. You should also contact friends and family in the United States with updates about your whereabouts. Residents may wish to stock up on emergency supplies of food, water, and cash in case of storm-related power outages. We also advise that you locate shelter, monitor media reports, and follow all official instructions. Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found on our "Hurricane/Typhoon Season" webpage, and on the "Natural Disasters" page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs website. Updated information on travel in Korea may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

Please continue to monitor the Embassy's website for updated information at <http://www.asktheconsul.org/> Please consult the Country Specific Information for Korea, available on the Bureau of Consular Affairs website.

We strongly encourage U.S. citizens to enroll with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate through the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) website. By enrolling, you will receive the Embassy's most recent security and safety updates during your trip. Enrollment also ensures that you can be reached during an emergency. While we will do



our utmost to assist you in a crisis, be aware that local authorities bear primary responsibility for the welfare of people living or traveling in their jurisdictions.

For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services Unit of the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section.