



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Hermosillo (Mexico), Tropical Storm Norman

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This Emergency Message is being issued to advise U.S. citizens living in or visiting the state of Sinaloa, Mexico. Tropical Storm Norman is currently located about 140 miles west of Mazatlan and has the potential to cause heavy rains and flooding throughout Sinaloa.

Citizens are advised to stay informed of the possibly violent weather conditions from Tropical Storm Norman.

U.S. citizens living in or visiting the coastal areas may be impacted by the storm and are strongly encouraged to monitor media reports and follow all official instructions. U.S. citizens should stay in contact with relatives and friends in the U.S. to apprise them of their whereabouts both now and after the storm. Visitors should be familiar with their hotel evacuation plans. U.S. citizens may also contact their local "Protección Civil" office for updated information about the storm and preparedness measures to take.

Protección Civil Mazatlan can be contacted by phone at (669) 984-3089. Protección Civil has opened all Mazatlan shelters for those residing in at-risk areas. U.S. Consulate General Hermosillo has been informed that two shelters have English speaking staff members to assist U.S. and Canadian citizens: 1) Universidad Autonoma de Sinaloa (UAS) Campus Mazatlan Ave. Ejercito Mexicano y Avenida de los Deportes, and 2) Instituto Cultural de Occiente, Carretera Internacional in front of the Monumento al Agua (Water Monument).

Protección Civil warns that severe flooding can be expected in the following Mazatlan areas: Estero El Infiernillo, Laguna del Camaron, and Arroyo de los Jabalies.

If you must travel during the time this storm is transiting the area, please follow normal precautions that you would during heavy rains such as avoiding entering swiftly moving currents of water in either vehicles or on foot. Drivers should remain vigilant for the possibility of mudslides along local roads.

U.S. citizens should carry their travel documents (i.e. U.S. Passport.) with them at all times or secure them by placing them in a safe, waterproof location.



Please visit The National Hurricane Center's website <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/?epac> to follow the storm's path.

For the latest security information, Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov> where the current Worldwide Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings, and Public Announcements can be found.

For emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Consulate General's Consular Section at:

U.S. Consulate General Hermosillo
American Citizen Services
Calle Monterrey #141 Poniente
Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico
Telephone: (662) 289-3500

(Dialing from the U.S. 011-52 + phone number)

E-mail: HermoACS@state.gov
or

U.S. Consular Agency – Mazatlan
Playa Gaviotas 202 local 10
Golden Zone
Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico 82110

Telephone: (669) 916-5889

In case of an after-hours emergency involving U.S. citizens, please contact the Duty Officer at the U.S. Consulate general in Hermosillo. From Mexico dial 01 (662) 256-0741, from the U.S., call 011 52 1 662 256-0741.