



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Samoa, Tropical Depression TD04F

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U.S. Embassy Apia alerts U.S. citizens visiting or residing in Samoa of Tropical Depression 04F. According to the Fiji Meteorological Service, the storm has the potential to become a tropical cyclone. According to forecasts, the storm will begin to make landfall in Samoa on Thursday. The Samoan Disaster Management Office (DMO) has issued an advisory for small craft effective as of now for all coastal waters of Samoa due to high swells of seven to nine feet. High winds and heavy rainfall could remain through Sunday. Preparations to protect life and property should be completed as soon as possible.

U.S. citizens are advised to remain informed about possible changes to the extreme weather conditions from TD04F by monitoring local media reports. Citizens can track the storm's progress at: [http://www.met.gov.fj/aifs_prods/1118track%20\(1\).png](http://www.met.gov.fj/aifs_prods/1118track%20(1).png). For updates from U.S. Embassy Apia, please see our website at Samoa.usembassy.gov.

U.S. citizens living in or visiting coastal areas may be impacted by the storm and are strongly encouraged to follow all official instructions from the Samoan Government. U.S. citizens should stay in contact with relatives and friends in the United States to apprise them of their whereabouts both now and after the storm. Visitors should contact their hotel staff regarding safety plans. Citizens staying in beach fale are advised to immediately identify more secure lodging or contact DMO for information on nearby shelter. U.S. citizens may also contact the DMO for updated information about the storm and preparedness measures. DMO can be contacted by phone at +685-20856.

During heavy rainfall flooding, including flash flooding near rivers and waterways, may occur. If you must travel during this time, please take precaution to avoid low lying areas or entering swiftly moving water in vehicles or on foot. Drivers should remain vigilant for the possibility of

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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.

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.

U.S. citizens traveling and residing abroad should enroll in the Smart Travelers Enrollment Program (STEP) at the following website: <https://travelregistration.state.gov> U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate at their destination. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

For emergencies involving American citizens, please contact U.S. Embassy Apia's Consular Section at: +685-21631 or ApiaConsular@state.gov.

In case of an after-hours emergency involving U.S. citizens, please contact the Duty Officer at the U.S. Embassy Apia at: +685-777-1776.

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