



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Tijuana (Mexico), Severe Weather

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The U.S. Consulate General Tijuana alerts U.S. citizens in Northern Baja California that a strong storm will bring moderate to heavy rain, the threat of flash flooding, and dangerous surf today through Friday, January 8th. The U.S. National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a flash flood warning, and high surf watch beginning today for nearby San Diego. Please visit NWS's website at <http://www.weather.gov/> or Protección Civil Tijuana at <http://www.proteccioncivil.tijuana.gob.mx/> for updates, shelter locations, and to follow the storm's path.

NWS forecasts flash flood for coastal and valley areas through Wednesday night January 7th. A series of pacific storms will produce brief bursts of heavy rainfall, and cause localized flooding, especially in low-lying areas with poor drainage. Flash flooding due to heavy rain may make low water road crossings impassable.

Protección Civil Tijuana predicts more than 4 inches of rain for the coastal region of Baja this week. One inch Wednesday, 2 inches Thursday, and 3 inches Friday. Many roads are already experiencing flooding. Protección Civil issued a pre-alert today warning residents and visitors to exercise caution while on the roads.

U.S. citizens may be affected by the storm and are advised to monitor local media for updates or possible changes to the potentially violent weather conditions and to follow any instructions/warnings issued by the Mexican Government. Preparations to protect life and property should be considered. U.S. citizens should carry their travel documents (i.e. U.S. passport book or passport card) with them at all times or secure them by placing them in a safe, waterproof location. If you must travel during this time, please take reasonable precautions such as avoiding entering swiftly moving water. Drivers should remain vigilant for

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Regularly monitor the State **Department's website**, where you can find current Travel Warnings, (including the Travel Warning for Mexico), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for **Mexico**. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on **Twitter** and **Facebook**, and download our free **Smart Traveler iPhone App** to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Consulate in Tijuana is located at Paseo de Las Culturas y Camino al Aeropuerto, Mesa de Otay, Delegación Centenario, Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico 22425, and is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., telephone (664) 977-2000. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency after hours number for the U.S. Embassy/Consulate is (619) 692-2154**, (Dialing from the U.S. 011-52 + phone number). Non emergency email can be sent to ACSTijuana@state.gov

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