



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Quito (Ecuador), Urgent Message regarding April 16 Earthquake

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The U.S. Embassy in Quito would like to inform U.S. citizens throughout Ecuador that a 7.8 magnitude earthquake occurred at 1858 in northern Ecuador. Some local damage to buildings and possibly to bridges and roadways has been reported in Quito and Guayaquil. Cell phone and land line telephones are working intermittently. A tsunami warning has been issued for coastal areas of Ecuador with potential waves of less than one meter. Please stay tuned to local news sources for up-to-date information.

Notice: If you are trying to reach individuals in Ecuador, please note many communication systems including phone and internet service are down. We suggest using text, social media including via safety notifications, and phone applications as alternate means if calls are not going through.

We express our condolences on the tragic loss of life resulting from the April 16 earthquake in Ecuador, and our thoughts go out to all those affected.

We are closely monitoring the situation and remain in close contact with Ecuadorian authorities.

We recommend U.S. citizens continue to follow official reports from the Ecuadorian authorities for further updates. Amcits who require Mission assistance are reminded to contact the US Consulate General GYE at 04-371-7000 or US Embassy Quito at 02-398-5200

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