



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Hanoi (Vietnam), Typhoon Season 2016

Natural Disasters; Hurricanes

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The typhoon and severe storm season in Vietnam runs from approximately May through November. Before this year's season gets underway, the Embassy Hanoi would like to pass along some severe weather preparation tips to U.S. citizens residing in, or traveling in Vietnam.

During the approach of a typhoon or severe storm, U.S. citizens are encouraged to monitor the storm's path by listening to the radio, watching local news, or monitoring the following websites:

U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning Center

Vietnam National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting (Ting Vit)

### Tropical Storm Risk

If you are in the path of a typhoon or severe tropical storm, please consider taking the following precautionary measures to ensure minimal disruption or damage. You should also contact family and friends in the United States with updates on your well-being/whereabouts. Locate shelter in your area, and follow all official instructions from local authorities, including evacuation if ordered.

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Carry your travel documents at all times (i.e., copies of your U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in a safe, waterproof location.

Secure loose outdoor items (limbs, roofing material, windows (coverings), doors, debris (trash), etc.).

Fill up your vehicle, generator, and water tanks.

Check and charge radios.

Charge cell phones and carry your charger, including portable chargers available for most cell phone models at many convenience stores and electronic shops.

Have bottled water; make ice.

Gather flashlights, tools, and first aid supplies.

Have fresh batteries, candles, matches, water, groceries (canned and/or dry foods), and pet supplies.

Assure an adequate supply of first aid materials and prescription medications.

Stay home and let your family and office know how you plan to weather the storm, especially those family members in the United States.

Information on natural disasters including hurricanes/typhoons and storm preparedness may be found on the following disaster preparedness websites.

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs Emergencies Abroad website - general information and resources for U.S. citizens experiencing an emergency outside of the United States, and Tropical Storm Season.

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs Natural Disasters website - general information and resources pertaining to natural disasters.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Ready website - general information and resources for emergency preparedness

American Red Cross - Member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

For further information:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and *Vietnam Country Specific Information*.

Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (**STEP**) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency. Please remember to complete the privacy waiver located in the **STEP** registration as well; should the need arise, the Embassy can then contact the persons or offices that you designate.

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Contact the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, located at 4 Le Duan Blvd, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, at (84) (8) 3520-4200 from Vietnam or (+84) (8) 3520 4200 internationally, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and from 1:00p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens, please call the U.S. Consulate General 24/7 at (08) 3520-4200 within Vietnam, or (011) (84) (8) 3520-4200 internationally. Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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