



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Hanoi (Vietnam), Tropical Storm Dianmu

### Natural Disasters

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This emergency message is being issued to alert U.S. Citizens residing in or traveling to northern Vietnam of the approaching tropical storm Dianmu and its potential impact in northern Vietnam.

As of 1:00 pm on August 18, tropical storm Dianmu was estimated to be 189 km east-northeast of Haikou, China and forecast to move west at 7.5 km/hour towards northern Vietnam. The Vietnamese National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting predicts that Dianmu will make landfall in the northern region of Vietnam near Nam Dinh and Thai Binh provinces in the afternoon of Friday, August 19 with estimated maximum winds reaching 102 km/hour. Heavy rainfall with localized flooding is expected for the northeastern provinces of 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 television, or monitoring the U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning Center, the Vietnam National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting, or Tropical Storm Risk.

Violent weather can have an impact on transportation throughout the Hanoi region, and we encourage U.S. citizens to evaluate the situation before traveling into the storm-affected areas. If you are in the path of a typhoon or severe tropical storm, please take the following precautionary measures to ensure minimal disruption or damage. You should also contact friends and family in the United States with updates on your whereabouts.

- Locate shelter and follow all official instructions, including evacuation if ordered
- Carry your travel documents at all times or secure them in a safe, waterproof location
- Secure loose outdoor items
- Fill vehicle, generator, and water tanks
- Charge cell phones and carry your charger
- Have bottled water

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- Gather flashlight, fresh batteries, candles, matches, water, groceries
  - 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
- See the State Department Travel Alert for the 2016 Hurricane and Typhoon season and visit the following sites for general preparedness..
- 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.
  - U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs Natural Disasters website- general information and resources pertaining to natural disasters.
  - U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 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.
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- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Vietnam, located at 7 Lang Ha Street, Hanoi, Vietnam, at (84) 4 3850 5000 from Vietnam or (011) (84) 4 3850 5000 from the U.S. 08:00 a.m. to 17:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Thursday. After hours emergency telephone (84) 4 3850 5000/3850 5105 from Vietnam or (011) (84) 4 3850 5000/3850 5105 from the U.S.
  - 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).
  - Follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

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