



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Rome (Italy), Earthquake in Central Italy

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The U.S. Mission to Italy continues to advise U.S. citizens to avoid the region of central Italy near Amatrice, Accumoli, Arquata del Tronto, and Pescara del Tronto. The U.S. Mission has restricted all but essential travel for U.S.-citizen employees and dependents to this area. Many roads have been blocked disrupting transportation options, and damage from the earthquake may disrupt electricity, communications, and other essential services. Numerous aftershocks have already been felt throughout the region, and there is the potential for further aftershocks. We advise U.S. citizens monitor the media and the Italian Department of Civil Protection's website for further updates. Information (in Italian only) regarding road conditions in these areas can be found on the Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport's website or by dialing 1518 from within Italy.

We encourage U.S. citizens not affected by the earthquake to notify friends and family of their wellbeing and to update their status on social media.

U.S. citizens affected by the earthquake who require assistance, or persons with information or questions about U.S. citizens in the affected areas, may call the U.S. Embassy's earthquake response center at 06-4674 2944 or contact the center by email at USCitizensRome@state.gov.

For further information:

- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and 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 Italy, located at Via Veneto 121, at +39 06-4674-1, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +39 06-4674-1.
- 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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