

**Message for U.S. Citizens  
Emergency Message  
U.S. Embassy Belmopan, Belize**

**November 5, 2013**

**Flooding across portions of Belize**

The U.S. Embassy in Belmopan informs U.S. citizens residing and traveling in Belize to the potential dangers posed by recent flooding across portions of Belize.

The Crooked Tree causeway remains closed to vehicular traffic and will remain this way until further notice. Residents are asked to be extremely careful when getting on and off the Coast Guard Boat and are reminded that overcrowding of the Boat is not permitted. In Cayo the Baking Pot ferry remains closed. In the Mountain Pine Ridge, the northern side of the Privassion Bridge approach has been washed away and only small vehicles can access the bridge.

The Guacamallo Bridge and the Hammock Bridge at Branch Mouth are under construction and is impassable to vehicular traffic. The approach to the Little Vaqueros Bridge and the Culvert between La Gracia and Buena Vista are now passable and open to vehicular traffic.

In the South, the road to Monkey River Village is now passable to vehicular traffic, Boom Creek Road between Armado Creek and Hicatee Lodge is now passable to vehicular traffic; Drivers are asked to exercise extreme caution whilst driving roads affected by flooding.

NEMO strongly advises the public to avoid walking and driving through flood waters. Parents are asked to keep their children out of the water.

U.S. citizens are urged to, monitor local media reports, and follow all official instructions. U.S. citizens should carry their travel documents at all times (i.e. U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in safe, waterproof locations. We also suggest that U.S. citizens contact friends and family in the United States with updates about their whereabouts.

U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad are encouraged to enroll in our Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website at <https://Step.state.gov/> so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security. Americans without Internet access may register in person with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

For emergencies involving American citizens in Belize, please contact the U.S. Embassy Belmopan. The U.S. Embassy is located in Belmopan City on Floral Park Road, telephone from the United States: 011-501-822-4011; telephone from within Belize: 822-4011 or after working hours at 610-5030. You may also contact the Embassy by e-mail at: [ACSbelize@state.gov](mailto:ACSbelize@state.gov). The Embassy's Internet address is <http://www.belize.usembassy.gov/>.