

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

**August 15, 2013**

**Tropical Storm Erin**

This message informs U.S. citizens residing and traveling in Belize to the potential dangers posed by Tropical Storm Erin, located west-southwest of the southernmost Cape Verde Islands.

Satellite images and surface observations indicate that the weather disturbance in the extreme northwestern Caribbean Sea has become less organized overnight, with most of the shower activity now moving over the Yucatan Peninsula and Belize. Development of this system before it moves over land has become less likely. However, there is still potential for development over the Gulf of Mexico. This system has a 50 percent chance of becoming a tropical cyclone during the next 48 hours and a 60 percent chance of becoming a tropical cyclone during the next 5 days.

U.S. citizens are urged to, monitor 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.

For continued updates on Tropical Storm Erin, residents and travelers are advised to monitor the storm at [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov).

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 either 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/>.

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