



Embassy of the United States of America Belmopan

Security Message

Information for Travelers and Residents

U.S. Embassy Belmopan, Belize

August 4, 2016

All Clear Hurricane Earl

Belize's National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) has declared the *All Clear Phase* for the country of Belize. Now Tropical Storm Earl continues to weaken as it tracks westward away from Belize.

Although the *All Clear* Phase has been declared some stormy conditions are still likely and seas will be rough. Small craft warning remains in effect for offshore waters. Belizean authorities are working to conduct Search and Rescue operations, provide medical care, clear of debris along the highways, restore utilities, and inspect airports and seaports.

There are reports of major infrastructure and building damage, many roads and streets are blocked in San Pedro, Caye Caulker, Belize City, and Ladyville, Belize River Valley, Orange Walk, Belmopan and other affected areas. Roofing and broken lumber, down trees, electrical wires, splinters and nails are strewn all over the San Pedro, Caye Caulker Cayes, Belize City, Ladyville, Lords Bank and River Valley and can cause serious injuries.

The Philip Goldson International Airport (PGIA) will resume operations today.

The Ministry of Works is clearing the main highways. Highways from Benque to Belize City are open at this time. Later today the bus schedule will resume.

U.S. citizens in Belize should contact friends and family in the United States with updates on your whereabouts.

- For local updates, please visit <http://site.nemo.org.bz/> or call the National Emergency Management Organization at 501-822-2054/hotline 936.

For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit in the U.S. Embassy at ACSBelize@state.gov or by calling 501-822-4011.

For further information:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Belize 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.
- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Belize, located at 4 Flora Park Road, Belmopan at +501-822-4011, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +501-610-5030.



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