

**WARDEN MESSAGE**  
**U.S. EMBASSY LA PAZ, BOLIVIA**  
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This warden message informs U.S. citizens traveling to and residing in Bolivia of the current flooding and excessive rains which make some roads impassable.

On Tuesday, February 22, 2011, the Government of Bolivia declared a national emergency in response to heavy rains and flooding in five of nine provinces - Cochabamba, La Paz, Santa Cruz, Tarija and Chuquisaca. Flooding and rain have affected almost 9,500 people, including 43 people dead and others missing. According to the Road Administration Service, there are numerous roads in various parts of the affected areas that are impassable, including six in La Paz and four in Beni.

We urge you to exercise caution when traveling within Bolivia. If you do decide to travel, you should verify your routes and check news reports prior to departing for updates on possible impassable or hazardous locations.

The U.S. Embassy encourages you to register and update your contact information at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz and/or the U.S. consular agencies in Cochabamba and Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Registration may be done online and can be done in advance of travel. Information on registering may be found at the Department of State's Consular Affairs website: <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For the latest security information, you should regularly monitor the Department's internet website at <http://travel.state.gov> where the current worldwide caution, travel warnings and travel alerts can be found. Additional information is available in the country specific information for Bolivia at <http://travel.state.gov> and on the embassy web page at <http://bolivia.usembassy.gov>.

Current information on travel and security in Bolivia may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or, from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). U.S. citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. embassy or consulate on the State Department's travel registration web site at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

You may contact the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, via e-mail at [consularlapaz@state.gov](mailto:consularlapaz@state.gov) or by telephone at (591-2) 216-8246 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or (591) 715-33713 after hours and on weekends. The consular section is located in the U.S. Embassy at 2780 Arce Avenue in La Paz, Bolivia, and is open to the public Monday through Thursday from 08:00 to 12:30, and Thursdays from 14:00 to 16:00. The Santa Cruz consular agency can be reached by telephone at (591-3) 351-3477. The Cochabamba consular agency is temporarily closed.

We hope this information is useful to you. If we may provide further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
American Citizen Services Unit  
U.S. Embassy La Paz, Bolivia