

**Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens:  
Dangerous Flooding around the Evros River in Northern Greece  
February 8, 2012  
Thessaloniki, Greece**

Heavy rains in Bulgaria are causing dangerous flooding of the Evros River along Greece's northeastern border with Turkey. Authorities in Northern Greece are taking measures to manage the flood waters, which include evacuation of at-risk areas. U.S. citizens in the region are advised to monitor local conditions closely, to avoid the river and its tributaries while risk of flooding persists, and to follow the instructions and guidance of local officials.

More generally, we encourage you to review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings and local events, monitor local news stations for updates, and report specific incidences of targeted violence to the U.S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki or the U.S. Embassy in Athens. For additional information, please refer to ["A Safe Trip Abroad"](#) or ["General Information- Natural Disasters"](#).

We strongly recommend that U.S. Citizens and nationals traveling to or residing in Greece enroll in the State Department's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). U.S. Citizens and nationals without internet access may enroll directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Enrolling signs you up to receive updated information about areas abroad and makes it easier for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate to contact you or your designated contact in case of an emergency.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, a regular toll line at +1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00am to 8:00 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#), which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well.

You can contact the U.S. Embassy in Athens or the U.S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki for general consular assistance and up-to-date information on conditions in Greece. The U.S. Embassy in Athens is open 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday-Friday, except on Greek and American official holidays. The U.S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm, except on Greek and American official holidays.

The U.S. Embassy in Athens can be reached by e-mail at [athensamericancitizenservices@state.gov](mailto:athensamericancitizenservices@state.gov) or by telephone at 210-720-2419, 2415, 2420. Please call 210-729-4444 for after-hours emergencies. The U.S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki can be reached by e-mail at [info@usconsulate.gr](mailto:info@usconsulate.gr) or by telephone at 2310- 242- 905. Please call 2310- 242-905 and dial "0" at the prompt for after-hours emergencies.