

U.S. Embassy Manila
Warden Message
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THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

Philippine Elections

The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens in the Philippines that sporadic violence may occur throughout the Philippines before, during, and after the May 10 Philippine national and local elections. U.S. citizens should pay attention to the media for Philippine government announcements regarding areas likely to experience election-related violence. U.S. citizens living and working in the Philippines are urged to assess their personal security, to remain aware of their surroundings, to keep a low profile, and to avoid public gathering places, including high-profile events, in connection with the May 10 elections.

A political or other demonstration could materialize on fairly short notice. If and when you do learn of a demonstration, please plan your travel accordingly: avoid crowds and exercise caution when traveling in the vicinity of a demonstration. As a reminder, even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings, and health information resources can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States and Canada or, for caller in other areas by calling a regular toll line at 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 with questions or concerns may telephone the Embassy at (63) (2) 301-2000. In case of an emergency outside business hours, U.S. citizens may reach the Embassy duty officer through the Embassy operator at (63) (2) 301-2000. The U.S. Embassy is located at: 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines. The Consular American Citizen Services (ACS) section's fax number is (63)(2) 301-2017 and the ACS web page is at <http://manila.usembassy.gov>. You may also go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Manila-Philippines/US-Embassy-Manila-Philippines/157551009622> for information.

U.S. citizens living in or visiting the Philippines are encouraged to register with the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Manila. The easiest way to do this is via the Internet, using a link on <http://www.travel.state.gov> or directly at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.