

**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.

Philippines Civil Aviation Safety Caution

On December 26, 2007, the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) informed the Government of the Philippines that it has revised the Philippines' aviation safety oversight category from Category 1 to Category 2 due to serious concerns about the Philippine Air Transportation Office's oversight of air carrier operations. Category 2 indicates that the FAA has assessed the Government of the Philippines' Civil Aviation Authority as not being in compliance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) safety standards for the oversight of Philippine air carrier operations. While in Category 2, Philippine air carriers will be permitted to continue current operations to the United States, but will be under heightened FAA surveillance. For more information, travelers may visit the FAA's website at http://www.faa.gov/safety/programs_initiatives/oversight/iasa.

Whenever possible, Americans traveling to and from the Philippines should fly to their destinations on international carriers from countries whose civil aviation authorities meet international aviation safety standards for the oversight of their air carrier operations under the FAA's International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) program.

The Embassy strongly encourages Americans in the Philippines, including short-term visitors, to register with the Embassy in Manila. Registration may be done on-line at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

Information on registration procedures, all security-related Travel Warnings and Public Announcements, and recent Embassy warden messages are posted on the Embassy's website at

<http://manila.usembassy.gov>.

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