

Emergency Message: Warning of Tropical Storm Bopha  
U.S. Embassy Koror  
November 29, 2012

The U.S. Embassy in Koror, Palau, alerts U.S. citizens in Palau that there is a possibility of severe weather resulting from Tropical Storm Bopha. As of November 28, the storm is traveling in a west, west-northwesterly direction, and if it continues in the same direction, it could impact the islands of Palau as early as Saturday, December 1. The Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) forecasts that Tropical Storm Bopha will increase in speed and intensity in the coming days, reaching typhoon strength by November 29, 2012,

For information on typhoon warnings, please consult the [Joint Typhoon Warning Center in Honolulu](#) and the [Regional Specialized Meteorological Center \(RSMC\) Tokyo - Typhoon Center](#).

U.S. citizens are urged to identify shelter in case of severe conditions, monitor local radio and media reports to be aware of weather developments, and to follow all official instructions. Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness can be found on the Department of State's "[Hurricane Season - Know Before You Go](#)" webpage. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Embassy at (680) 587-2920 or visit the [U.S. Citizens Service](#) website. The Embassy is located in Airaj State, in an area known as Omsangel.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens in Palau enroll in the Department of State [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates and makes it easier for the consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you do not have Internet access, enroll for STEP directly at the Embassy.

Regularly monitor the [Department's website](#), where you can find current Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for Palau](#). For additional information, refer to "[A Safe Trip Abroad](#)."

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