

Warden Message: U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador

State of Emergency Lifted

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The U.S. Embassy in Quito advises U.S. citizens living or traveling in Ecuador that the President of Ecuador declared Saturday that the State of Emergency imposed Friday has been lifted. The State of Emergency mandated the evacuation of low-lying areas of the Ecuadorian mainland coast and the Galapagos Islands due to a tsunami warning announced after the major earthquake in Japan. News reports indicate that domestic flights to Ecuadorian coastal airports have resumed, and that the main airport on the Galapagos Islands will re-open as soon as all danger from the tsunami is certain to have passed. Only minor flooding was reported in the Galapagos Islands overnight. U.S. citizens residing in or visiting the coastal areas of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands are urged to proceed with caution as evacuees from low-lying areas return to the coast, and to follow guidance from local authorities.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to enroll with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in order to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador through the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#).

U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the [Department's website](#). Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone number for American Citizen Service (ACS) inquiries is (011 593-2) 398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. For after-hours emergencies, contact the Embassy at (011 593-2) 398-5200. Appointments for ACS are available through our [website](#).

The [U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil](#) is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies. For assistance in the Galapagos Islands, please contact the U.S. Consulate in Guayaquil.

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