



Shanghai Consulate News for Americans

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Interested in Joining the Shanghai Emergency Response Team?

The Emergency Response Team (also known as the Warden System) is a network of Americans living **long-term** in the Shanghai area that help the U.S Consulate disseminate information about important current events, health news, and security updates to the broader American public here in China. If you would like to serve as a warden in your area, contact us at ShanghaiACS@state.gov for more information.

Leaving China?

Did you know that you can end your enrollment with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) by visiting the step.state.gov site? If you previously submitted a paper enrollment form to the U.S. consulate, you may end your enrollment by sending an email request to: ShanghaiACS@state.gov.

Registering for Temporary Residence

China's immigration rules require all foreigners in China to register with their local PSB (Public Security Bureau) under various provisions, and failure to do so will result in a fine up to 2,000 Yuan. The local PSB office is often referred to as Pai4 Chu1 Su-o3 (派出所). The provisions for foreigners to register with their local PSB include:

- within 24 hours of arrival in China;
- within 24 hours of moving to a new apartment;
- within 24 hours of getting a new visa;
- within 24 hours of obtaining a new passport.

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For tourists, hotels normally complete the registration process for you. If you reside or stay in places other than hotels, you or the persons who accommodate you should register for Temporary Residence with the closest PSB office within 24 hours after your arrival. Due to recent reports received, we would like to remind all Americans in the Shanghai consular district that when you **obtain a new U.S. passport, especially a replacement passport, you will also need to register the new passport number with the PSB.**

Do You Need A New Passport?

The October holidays are soon approaching! Have you checked if you would need a new passport to travel overseas? — Please carefully review the validity of your current U.S. passport. Many governments require US travelers to have at least six months validity left in their passports for entry into their countries. China also requires six months passport validity to enter or re-enter the country and airlines will deny boarding to those who do not meet this requirement or you may be refused entry by Chinese border authorities. Regular passports are processed in Washington and are usually available for pickup at the consulate within 10 business days.

Travel Warnings And Alerts

Security reminder: It is advisable that you and your family review your personal security profile and be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Travel Warnings are issued to describe long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable. A Travel Warning is also issued when the U.S. Government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of its staff.

Travel Alerts are issued to disseminate information about short-term conditions generally within a particular country or region that pose imminent risks to the security of U.S. citizens. Natural disasters, terrorist attacks, coups, anniversaries of terrorist events, election-related demonstrations or violence, and high-profile events such as international conferences or regional sports events are examples of conditions that might generate a Travel Alert.

The list of current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts can be found at [here](#).

The most up-to-date information regarding permitted and prohibited items on flights can be viewed online at www.tsa.gov. For additional information, please visit "Americans Traveling Abroad" on the website of the U.S. Department of State at

http://travel.state.gov/visa/americans/americans_1252.html.

Since our previous Newsletter, the U.S. Department of State has issued new **Travel Warnings** and new **Travel Alerts** for the following countries:

8/15/2014 [Lebanon Travel Warning](#)

8/15/2014 [Mexico Travel Warning](#)

8/14/2014 [Sierra Leone Travel Warning](#)

8/13/2014 [Algeria Travel Warning](#)

8/10/2014 [Iraq Travel Warning](#)

8/8/2014 [Saudi Arabia Travel Warning](#)

8/8/2014 [Pakistan Travel Warning](#)

8/8/2014 [Nigeria Travel Warning](#)

8/7/2014 [Liberia Travel Warning](#)

8/6/2014 [Cameroon Travel Warning](#)

Upcoming Holidays & Other Closures

A full list of all of our closures is online at <http://shanghai.usembassy-china.org.cn/service.html>. The ACS Unit will be **CLOSED** to the public on:

<u>September 8, 2014, Monday</u>	Mid-Autumn Festival	中秋节	Zhōngqiū Jié
<u>September 30, 2014, Tuesday</u>	Administrative Closure	行政管理日	Xíngzhèng Guǎnlǐ Rì
<u>October 1-3, 2014, Wed - Fri</u>	Chinese National Day	中国国庆	Zhōngguó Guóqìng
<u>October 13, 2014, Monday</u>	Columbus Day	哥伦布日	Gēlún bù Rì
<u>October 24, 2014, Friday</u>	Administrative Closure	行政管理日	Xíngzhèng Guǎnlǐ Rì