

Warden Message – Belize Earthquake

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From: U.S. Embassy Belmopan, Belize

To: American Citizens in Belize

At approximately 2:24 a.m. (4:24 ET), an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale occurred about 100 miles east of Punta Gorda, Toledo District, at a depth of 6 miles (10 kilometers) beneath the Caribbean seabed. There are no reports of casualties or injuries in Belize, and a tsunami warning issued immediately following the quake by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (<http://www.prh.noaa.gov/ptwc/>) has been cancelled. Minor damage to buildings and an electrical power outage has been reported in the Placencia area of Stann Creek District. American citizens are urged to monitor media reports for updated information on the earthquake.

For the latest security information, Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the [Department's Internet website](#) where the current Travel Warnings and Public Announcements can be found.

Up-to-date information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S., or for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, 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).

Americans residing or travelling in Belize are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the [State Department's travel registration website](#), and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Belize. Americans without Internet access may register in person at the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy is located on Floral Park Road in Belmopan; telephone (501) 822-4011, after hours telephone (501) 610-5030; Consular Section fax (501) 822-4050; E-mail: ConsulBelize@state.gov .

The Embassy website is: <http://belize.usembassy.gov>. In Facebook, the Consular Section maintains a page under the name "Consular Section, U.S. Embassy Belmopan, Belize."