

Information for Travelers and Residents
Warden Message
U.S. Embassy Belmopan, Belize

October 21, 2010

Tropical Storm Richard

The U.S. Embassy in Belmopan is issuing this Warden Message to alert Americans to the potential dangers posed by Tropical Storm Richard.

At 3:00 PM, the center of Tropical Storm Richard was located near latitude 16.0 North, Longitude 80.4 West. Richard is drifting toward the south-southeast near 3mph. A gradual track toward the south-southwest and west is expected over the next 48 hours at a slow forward speed. Maximum sustained winds remain near 40 mph with higher gusts. Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 105 miles, mainly east of the center.

The forecast calls for strengthening over the next 48 hours, and Richard could become a hurricane over the weekend.

We advise all U.S. citizens and U.S. Government Personnel to monitor the situation as the storm develops.

Monitor local radio and television stations for official updates on the progress of Tropical Storm Richard. You may also monitor the storm at www.nhc.noaa.gov or www.nemo.org.bz. Additional media reports may be found at Channel 5 News Belize (<http://www.channel5belize.com/>), Channel 7 News Belize (<http://www.7newsbelize.com/>), and the Belize Tourism Industry Association, <http://btia.org/>.

We encourage U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security. Americans without Internet access may register in person with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

For emergencies involving American citizens in Belize, please contact the U.S. Embassy Belmopan. The U.S. Embassy is located in Belmopan City

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telephone from within Belize: 822-4011 or after working hours at 610-5030.
You may also contact the Embassy by e-mail at: ACSbelize@state.gov.
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