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Consulate General of Switzerland in New York

Dear fellow Swiss Citizens and dear Citizens of the Principality of Liechtenstein,

An emergency situation could occur from many different causes such as natural disaster (fires, earthquake, hurricanes, flooding, etc.), man-made disaster (nuclear or chemical accidents), or terrorism.

The US government is responsible to assist all US residents as well as tourists in any crisis.

However, personal precautionary measures are of great importance and can be vital in case of an emergency situation. At the end of this letter, you will find important sources of information, which may become useful when taking the necessary precautions.

You will find a current assessment of the security situation in each country on the FDFA travel advice page (www.eda.admin.ch/reisehinweise).

In case of a crisis the Consulate General might publish useful information on its Webpage: www.eda.admin.ch/nyc

The Consulate General can be reached in the following way:

- Regular office hours: phone number **(+1) 212 599 5700**.
- Outside of office hours: Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Helpline:
011 41 800 24-7-365 or **011 41 58 465 33 33** (*availability 24/7*).

It is essential that you inform the Consulate General of any change of address. In order to enable us to contact you rapidly in case of emergency, please provide us with your e-mail address and your mobile phone number(s).

In the event of a crisis, the Consulate General cannot guarantee that vital information will reach everyone in time; therefore, you should also make every possible effort to keep in touch with us.

We thank you for taking note of the above. It is our highest priority to offer you the best possible support. Sincerely,

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Federal Government

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): www.fema.gov/

Preparedness Resources:

Text Messages / Safety Tips / Shelters / Disaster Recovery Centers / Mobile Apps:
<http://www.fema.gov/text-messages>

State Government**State Homeland Security and Emergency Services:**

<http://www.dhs.gov/state-homeland-security-and-emergency-services>

New York State: <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/>

New Jersey: <http://www.ready.nj.gov/> or <https://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/>

Massachusetts: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/>

Illinois: <https://www.illinois.gov/iema/Pages/default.aspx>

Local Government

New York: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/about/overview.page>

- **Alerts** from Notify New York:

[https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/notifynyc/\(S\(s4mlf3rwz40u4dhelmnwftli\)\)/home.aspx](https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/notifynyc/(S(s4mlf3rwz40u4dhelmnwftli))/home.aspx)

Boston: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/emergency-management>

- **Alerts** from Boston: <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BFB5F355FAB8>

Chicago: https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/oem/provdrs/emerg_mang.html

- **Alerts** from Notify Chicago:

<https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/oem/provdrs/alertchicago/svcs/notifychicago.html>

Philadelphia: <https://beta.phila.gov/departments/oem/>

- **Alerts** from Philadelphia: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612339#/signup>

Weather Forecast

National Weather Service: <http://www.weather.gov/>

National Hurricane Centre: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

National Tsunami Warning: <http://tsunami.gov/>

Office of Emergency Management NYC: <http://www.NYC.gov> or calling 311 or download

Mobile App: <http://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/5460/nyc311-mobile-app>

Different Preparations

Preparing my Family for Disaster: <http://www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/prepare-my-family-disaster>

American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org/>

-Plan and Prepare:

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare>

-Disaster and Safety Library for checklists and guides:

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster-safety-library>

Other Information Sources in case of an Emergency

Radio: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

Radio Stations by State: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/coverage/station_listing.html

Internet News:

BBC: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/world_news_america/default.stm

CNN: www.cnn.com/

FOX: www.foxnews.com

MSNBC: www.msnbc.com

NY1: www.ny1.com/