

WARDEN NOTICE
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THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

Need for Caution in Mindanao

The Embassy is monitoring recent bombings in Mindanao against electrical power lines, as well as the defusing of improvised explosive devices on July 4 and 5. These acts may indicate a planned escalation of attacks, which could include shopping malls, commercial centers and other public gathering places. U.S. citizens should exercise extreme caution in Mindanao, particularly over the next several weeks.

U.S. citizens living and working in Mindanao are urged to reassess their personal security, keep a low profile, and avoid public gathering places. Americans living or traveling in the Philippines are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website, <http://travelregistration.state.gov> so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security within the Philippines.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warning for the Philippines, and Country Specific Information for the Philippines can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada 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).

The American Citizen Services section at the U.S. Embassy in Manila can be reached at (02) 301-2000, ext. 2246; the after hours emergency number is (02) 301-2000; the fax number is (02) 301-2017. The Embassy's web site, which includes consular information and the most recent messages to the American community in the Philippines, is at <http://manila.usembassy.gov>.