



Crisis Preparedness

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Current Crisis Overseas

Crisis Awareness

Keeping Informed About A Crisis: When a crisis occurs abroad involving large numbers of U.S. citizens, such as a natural disaster, transportation accident, civil or political unrest or a terrorist incident, the Department of State and the U.S. Embassy abroad utilize a variety of means of communicating with the American public, including the Internet.

Monitoring the Consular Updates on the Internet: Monitor the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs home page and the [home page for the U.S. Embassy in the foreign country](#) for up-to-date information about the crisis.

Communicating With Families of U.S. Citizens Involved in a Crisis: Families in the United States whose U.S. citizen relatives abroad are directly affected by the crisis can also communicate with the Department of State through our Office of American Citizens Services and Crisis Management at (202) 647-5225. If a 24-hour task force or working group is established in the Department of State Operations Center to manage the crisis, you will be directed to the Task Force at (202) 647-0900.

Letting Your Family Know You Are Okay: If a crisis occurs in a country you are visiting, contact your family in the United States to reassure them regarding your safety.

If You Are in a Foreign Country Involved in a Crisis:

- Contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate if you need help.
 - Be sure to register with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate by phone, fax or in person.
 - Monitor the [U.S. Embassy](#) and [State Department](#) home pages.
 - Monitor Voice of America and BBC broadcasts for announcements.
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Crisis Preparedness

The following information may be helpful to you in preparing for a crisis abroad. While some of the material was designed by other U.S. Government agencies for a crisis occurring in the United States, the guidance about preparedness may be useful to Americans making plans for similar emergencies abroad.

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Preparedness

Overview

- [ready.gov](#) from the Department of Homeland Security
- [Crisis Abroad](#)
- [General Advice For Americans Resident Overseas](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\): *Preparing for a Disaster*](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Checklist \(FEMA\)](#)
- [Your Family Disaster Plan \(FEMA\)](#)
- [Your Family Disaster Supplies Kit \(FEMA\)](#)
- [Health and Human Services \(HHS\) - Office of Emergency Preparedness \(OEP\)](#)

- [Stay Healthy Before, During and After a Disaster - University of Illinois, Extension Disaster Resources](#)

Children

- [FEMA for Kids](#)
- [FEMA for Kids Disaster Supply Kit](#)
- [FEMA for Kids Family Disaster Plan](#)
- [FEMA for Kids Disaster Action Checklist of Activities](#)
- [Children and Disasters - Red Cross Web Site](#)
- [Red Cross - Be Ready \(For Kids\)](#)
- [Red Cross - Disaster Services Publication Materials for Kids](#)
- [U.S. Fire Administration's Kids Page](#)

Seniors

- [Disaster Preparedness for Seniors - Red Cross Web Site](#)
- [Preparing for Emergencies: A Checklist for People With Mobility Problems \(FEMA and Red Cross\)](#)
- [National Mental Health Association - Coping with Disaster - Tips for Older Adults](#)
- [American Red Cross - Tips for People with Mobility Disabilities](#)

People With Disabilities

- [Assisting People with Disabilities in a Disaster \(FEMA\)](#)
- [Disaster Preparedness for People With Disabilities \(FEMA\)](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness - Disaster Assistance for People With Disabilities](#)
- [American Red Cross - Tips For People Who Use Life Support Systems \(dialysis, respirator, oxygen, suction, intravenous pump or infusion therapy\)](#)
- [American Red Cross - Tips For People With Cognitive Disabilities](#)

Food and Water

- [Emergency Food and Water Supplies - FEMA](#)
- [Red Cross - Food and Water in an Emergency](#)
- [NC State University: Is food safe after a Disaster](#)
- [Red Cross - Food Supplies](#)
- [Red Cross - Water Supplies](#)
- [Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service](#)
- [Locating Safe Drinking Water - FEMA](#)
- [Water Storage Before a Disaster - Red Cross Web Site](#)
- [Water Treatment After a Disaster - Red Cross Web Site](#)
- [Preventing Waterborne Illness - University of Illinois, Extension Disaster Resources](#)

- *Preventing Food borne Illnesses* - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- *Preparing Food During a Power Failure* - University of Illinois, Extension Disaster Resources
- *Food Handling During Power Outages* - University of Illinois, Extension Disaster Resources
- *Food and Water and Travelers' Diarrhea* - CDC

Generators

- *Generator Usage and Safety* - Red Cross Web Site

Pets and Animals

- *FEMA for Kids - Pets and Disasters*
- *FEMA - Pets And Disasters*
- *FEMA: Animals and Emergencies*
- *FEMA: Humane Society Offers Disaster Planning Tips for Pets, Livestock and Wildlife*
- *U.S. Humane Society - Disaster Preparedness for Pets*

Natural Disasters

General

- *U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) - Center for Integration of Natural Disaster Information*
- *Natural Disaster Reference Database*

Earthquakes

- *U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)*
- *FEMA Fact Sheet*
- *Earthquake Safety - Red Cross Web Site*
- *A Prevention Guide to Promote Your Personal Health and Safety Before, During and After an Emergency or Disaster: Earthquakes* - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- *U.S. Geological Survey Fact Sheet*
- *U.S. Geological Survey Background*
- *Earthquakes Hazards Center - New Zealand*

Fires

- *FEMA Fact Sheet on Wildland Fires*
- *FEMA Fact Sheet*
- *U.S. Fire Administration - Home Fire Safety*

- [U.S. Fire Administration - Counter Terrorism](#)
- [U.S. Fire Administration/Motel Fire Safety Tips](#)

Floods and Flash Floods

- [Red Cross Landslide and Debris Flow \(Mudslides\)](#)
- [CDC Mudslides](#)
- [CDC Landslide \(Mudslide\) Safety](#)
- [FEMA Landslides and Mudflows Fact Sheet](#)
- [FEMA Landslides and Mudflows Backgrounder](#)
- [FEMA Landslides](#)

Hurricanes

- [FEMA Fact Sheet](#)
- [FEMA Backgrounder](#)
- [National Hurricane Center](#)
- [Hurricanes - The Greatest Storms on Earth from NOAA](#)
- [American Red Cross: Are You Ready for a Hurricane?](#)
- [Hurricanes and Water Safety - Red Cross Web Site](#)
- [A Prevention Guide to Promote Your Personal Health and Safety: Hurricanes - CDC](#)

Typhoons

A typhoon is a hurricane that occurs in the Pacific region generally near the Philippines or the China Sea. See the information on Hurricanes above for additional information.

- [Joint Typhoon Warning Center](#)
- [Typhoons and Hurricanes: The Effects of Cyclonic Winds on U.S. Naval Operations](#)
- [Navy Pacific Meteorological and Oceanography Center](#)
- [U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokohama - Typhoon Information: What to Do](#)
- [U.S. Coast Guard: Storm Preparedness Information](#)
- [U.S. Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanology Detachment - Atsugi, Japan: Typhoon Safety Tips](#)

Tsunamis

- [FEMA Fact Sheet](#)
- [FEMA Backgrounder](#)
- [Tsunami Safety Guide - Red Cross Web Site](#)
- [U.S. Geological Society - Tsunami Links](#)
- [International Journal of Tsunamis](#)

Thunder Storms

- [FEMA - Severe Thunderstorms](#)
- [FEMA Backgrounder - Thunderstorms and Lightning](#)
- [FEMA for Kids - Thunder](#)

Tornadoes

- [FEMA - Talking About Disasters - Tornadoes](#)
- [FEMA Backgrounder - Tornadoes](#)
- [FEMA Tornado Safety Tips](#)
- [CDC - National Center for Environmental Health - Tornadoes](#)
- [National Ag Safety Database - Salvaging After a Tornado](#)
- [National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center - Frequently Asked Questions About Tornadoes](#)
- [FEMA for Kids - Tornadoes](#)

Heat Waves

- [FEMA Extreme Heat Fact Sheet](#)
- [FEMA Extreme Heat Backgrounder](#)
- [Heat Wave Safety - Red Cross Web Site](#)
- [A Prevention Guide to Promote Your Personal Health and Safety: Extreme Heat - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [NOAA, National Weather Service - All About Heat Waves](#)

Volcanoes

- [FEMA Fact Sheet](#)
- [FEMA Backgrounder](#)
- [Volcano Safety Guide - Red Cross Web Site](#)
- [U.S. Geological Survey Fact Sheet](#)
- [Learn About Volcanoes - U.S. Geological Survey \(USGS\)](#)
- [Types and Effects of Volcano Hazards - USGS](#)
- [Information on Volcanoes - USGS](#)
- [Volcano FAQs - USGS](#)
- [U.S. Geological Survey: Developing a Volcano Emergency Plan:](#)

Winter Storms/Cold Weather Safety Tips

- [FEMA Fact Sheet: Winter Preparedness Safety Tips](#)
- [FEMA Fact Sheet: Winter Storms](#)
- [Surviving the Storm - winter storm information in .PDF format from FEMA](#)
- [FEMA Fact Sheet: Winter Driving Tips](#)
- [Winter Storms: A Guide to Survival from NOAA, Department of Commerce](#)
- [Preparing for Winter Storms - University of Illinois](#)
- [Winter Storms Safety - Red Cross Web Site](#)
- [Cold Weather Safety Tips - Red Cross Web Site](#)

- [A Prevention Guide to Promote Your Personal Health and Safety: Extreme Cold - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [Winter Storm Fire Safety - U.S. Fire Administration](#)

Health Concerns

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\): Traveler's Health](#)
- [CDC Prevention Guides to Promote Personal Health and Safety - Before, During and After Emergencies and Disasters](#)
- [CDC Information on Cruise Ship Sanitation](#)
- [FEMA, Emergency Sanitation](#)
- [Center for International Health Information](#)
- [World Health Organization: International Travel and Health](#)
- [U.S. Armed Forces Institute of Pathology](#)
- [Health and Human Services \(HHS\) - National Disaster Medical System \(NDMS\)](#)

Safety/Security

- [A Safe Trip Abroad](#)

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security Diplomatic Security Publications

- [Keeping Safe](#)
- [Personal Security - At Home, On the Street, While Traveling](#)
- [Overseas Security Advisory Council \(OSAC\)](#)
- [OSAC Crime and Safety Reports](#)
- [OSAC Safety and Security Reports](#)
- [OSAC Country Council Locations](#)
- [OSAC Country Council Reports](#)

OSAC Publications

- [Security Guidelines for American Families Living Abroad](#)
- [Security Awareness Overseas - An Overview](#)
- [Security Guidelines for Children Living Abroad](#)
- [Sexual Assault: Reducing the Risk and Coping With an Attack](#)
- [Emergency Planning Guidelines for American Business Abroad](#)
- [Personal Security Guidelines for the American Business Traveler Overseas](#)
- [Guidelines for Protecting U.S. Business Information Overseas](#)
- [Security Guidelines for American Enterprises Abroad](#)

Evacuations

U.S. State Department, (Official State Department Personnel) Family Liaison Office
(These documents were prepared for U.S. Department of State employees. Not all of the

guidance will apply to private citizens, but the information may still be helpful for planning purposes.)

- [Evacuation Plan](#)
- [List of Papers and Computer Disks to Hand Carry](#)

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security, Overseas Security Advisory Council

- [Emergency Planning Guidelines for American Businesses Abroad](#)
- [OSAC Publications](#)
- [U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security, Keeping Safe](#)
- [Red Cross - Your Evacuation Plan](#)
- [USC Center for Global Education: Crisis and Risk Management: Evacuation, Repatriation and Closing a Program](#)

Terrorism

U.S. Department of State, Office of Counter terrorism

- [Office of Counter terrorism Home Page](#)
- [Countering Terrorism](#)
- [Terrorism Press Releases](#)
- [Patterns in Global Terrorism](#)
- [Foreign Terrorist Organizations](#)
- [Terrorism Fact Sheets](#)
- [Terrorism Remarks](#)

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security

- [Countering Terrorism](#)
- [Publications About Terrorism](#)
- [Significant Incidents of Political Violence Against Americans](#)
- [Countering Terrorism - Security Suggestions for U.S. Business Representatives Abroad](#)

U.S. Department of State, Press Statement:

- [International Terrorism - American Hostages - Press Release February 20, 2002](#)

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Public Affairs, Office of the Historian

- [Significant Terrorist Incidents 1961-2001](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency

- [FEMA Terrorism Fact Sheet](#)

- [FEMA Terrorism Backgrounder](#)
- [FEMA Antiterrorism](#)
- [FEMA Office of National Preparedness](#)
- [FEMA Resources for Parents and Teachers to Help Children Affected by Terrorism](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

- [Justice Department: Report in PDF - Survivors of Politically Motivated Torture](#)
- [Justice Department, Office for Victims of Crime - Terrorism](#)
- [Justice Department, Office for Victims of Crime - Coping After Terrorism Handbook](#)
- [Justice Department, Office for Victims of Crime - Terrorism and International Victims Unit](#)
- [Justice Department, Office for Victims of Crime - Terrorism and International Victims Unit Fact Sheet](#)
- [Justice Department, Office of Justice Programs - Terrorism - Outside Links](#)

Other:

- [Red Cross - Terrorism - Preparing for the Unexpected](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\), Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response](#)
- [National Institute of Health - Terrorism](#)
- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement - Treatment of Torture Survivors](#)
- [Terrorism Research Center](#)
- [Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence](#)
- [International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims](#)
- [Canadian Center for Victims of Torture](#)
- [Center for Victims of Torture](#)

Aviation Disasters

Aviation Safety and Security

- [Fly Smart](#)
- [Department of Transportation \(DOT\) - Aviation Consumer Protection Division](#)
- [DOT - Aviation Consumer Protection Division, Office of General Counsel: Travel Tips and Publications](#)
- [FAA - Criminal Acts Against Civil Aviation](#)
- [White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security - George Washington University International Conference on Aviation Safety and Security in the 21st Century \(1/12-15, 1997\)](#)
- [White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security - Department of Transportation Status Report \(1997\)](#)

- Executive Order 13015 - President's Commission on Aviation Safety and Security (8/22/1996)
- Executive Order 12686 - President's Commission on Aviation Security and Terrorism (8/4/1989)
- U.S. Department of State - NTSB MOU
- U.S. Department of State MOU With Air Carriers Reflecting Best Practices and Procedures

Family Assistance

- U.S. Department of Transportation: Information for Survivors and Families of Persons Involved in an Aviation Disaster:
- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Family Disaster Assistance Plan
- NTSB Family Affairs Web Site / Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996
- The American Red Cross and the NTSB Initiate a Partnership with National Chaplain Organizations
- NTSB - Impact of the Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996 on Medical Examiners
- Amendments to the ADFA and FACFSA (April 5, 2000)
- DOT: Assistance to Families of Aviation Disasters
- NTSB - Federal Family Assistance Plan for Aviation Disasters 2000
- NTSB - Federal Family Assistance Plan to Aviation Disasters 1999
- NTSB - Federal Family Assistance Plan for Aviation Disasters 1999 Update
- DOT Anniversary Report on Assistance to Families of Aviation Disasters (9/28/98)
- DOT Frequently Asked Questions on the Foreign Air Carrier Family Support Act of 1997 (5/15/98)
- DOT Press Release: Foreign Carriers to Submit Family Assistance Plans (1/29/98)
- DOT - Full Text of the Foreigner Air Carrier Family Support Act (12/16/97)
- DOT Final Report: Task Force on Assistance to Families of Aviation Disasters (10/29/97)
- DOT - Full Text of the Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996 (October 1996)
- DOT - Information for Survivors and Families of Persons Involved in an Aviation Disaster
- President's Directive on Assistance to Families Affected by Aviation and Other Transportation Disasters (9/9/96)

Manifests

- Final Rule: Requirement for International Passenger Manifests (2/18/98)
- DOT Press Release: DOT Issues Rules Requiring Enhanced Passenger Manifests (2/12/98)

Coordination

- [Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with U.S. Air Carriers](#)

U.S. Government Aircraft

- [NTSB: Federal Plan for Aviation Accidents Involving Aircraft Operated by or Chartered by Federal Agencies](#)
- [DOT Final Report: Development of Plans for Responding to Aviation Disasters Involving Civilians on Government Aircraft](#)

Laws

- [Amendments to ADFA and FACFSA \(April 5, 2000\) Including Title IV-Family Assistance Section 401 as it pertains to the NTSB](#)
- [DOT Letter to Foreign Carriers on Requirement to File Plans \(1/29/98\)](#)
- [DOT Order Exempting Foreign Small-Aircraft Operators from Requirement to File Plans \(1/29/98\)](#)
- [Foreign Air Carrier Family Assistance Act 1997](#)
- [Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996](#)
- [Aviation Security Act of 1990](#)

Private Support Organizations for Victims of Aviation Disaster and Their Families

Disclaimer: The following are links to web sites for private organizations. Inclusion of non-U.S. Government links to sites does not imply endorsement of contents.

- [National Air Disaster Alliance and Foundation \(NADA/F\)](#)

Other Transportation Accidents

- [Federal Railroad Administration](#)
- [Operation Lifesaver - Statistics on Highway/Rail Crossing Collisions and Casualties](#)

Technological Disasters

U.S. Department of State

- [U.S. Department of State - Chemical/Biological Agents Fact Sheet](#)
- [Bureau of Diplomatic Security - A Practical Guide to Responding to a Chemical Biological Threat](#)

FEMA

- [FEMA - Hazardous Materials](#)

- FEMA Backgrounder - Hazardous Materials
- FEMA - Hazardous Materials Accidents
- FEMA - Hazardous Materials Federal Emergency Response Plan
- FEMA - Disposing of Debris and Removing Hazardous Waste
- FEMA - Nuclear
- FEMA - Backgrounder - Nuclear Power Plant Emergency
- FEMA - Fact Sheet - Radiological Accidents

Red Cross

- Red Cross - Mock Chemical Weapons Disaster Prepares Red Cross

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention
- EPA Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics - Chemical Fact Sheets

International Cooperation

- Asian Disaster Preparedness Center
- Canadian Center for Emergency Preparedness
- Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency
- Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance
- Center for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED)
- Disaster Prevention Research Institute in Kyoto, Japan
- Emergency Management Australia
- European Center for Disaster Medicine
- European Commission: Community Information System on Disasters - *Natural and Environmental Disasters Information Exchange System*
- European Commission: Establishing a Community Action Programme in the Field of Civil Protection
- European Commission: Prevention of Natural and Technological Disasters
- European Commission: Planning and Preparation of a Training Course for Trainers in Disaster Medicine Within the European Union
- European Commission: Analysis of European Systems in the Field of Disaster Medicine With a View to Formulating a Medical Action Plan
- European Commission: Disaster Medicine - *A Major Project in the Context of the Civil Protection Action Programme*
- International Center for Disaster Mitigation
- International Disaster Information Network
- World Health Organization: Communicable Disease Surveillance and Response (CSR)
- United Nations, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Disaster Victims

Grief and Bereavement

- [FEMA: Grieving and Bereavement Counseling](#)
- [American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry \(AACAP\): Children and Grief](#)
- [University of South Dakota, Disaster Mental Health Institute: Helping Children and Adolescents Deal With Grief](#)
- [National Organization for Victims \(NOVA\): Grief and Loss](#)

Children and Families

- [Talking to Children About Tragic News:](#)
- [Children's Psychological Health Center, Disaster Relief:](#)
- [HHS, Center for Mental Health Services: Psychosocial Issues for Children and Adolescents in Disasters:](#)
- [FEMA: Helping Children Cope With Disaster:](#)
- [FEMA for Kids: Resources for Teachers After a Disaster, How to Help Child Victims:](#)
- [National Institute of Mental Health: Helping Children and Adolescents Cope With Violence and Disasters](#)
- [HHS, Center for Mental Health Services, Emergency Services and Disaster Relief Branch: Psychosocial Issues for Children and Families in Disasters](#)
- [University of Illinois Extension Disaster Resources: Emotional Reactions to Disasters](#)
- [University of Illinois Extension Disaster Resources: Helping Children Cope With a Disaster](#)
- [University of Illinois Extension, Disaster Resources for Educators: Children, Stress and Natural Disasters](#)
- [AACAP: Helping Children After a Disaster](#)
- [National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorders: PTSD in Children](#)
- [U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime \(OVC\), *Working With Children in the Aftermath of Violent Death*](#)
- [University of South Dakota, Disaster Mental Health Institute: Helping Children Cope With a Traumatic Event](#)
- [University of South Dakota, Disaster Mental Health Institute: Children and Disaster - A School Counselor's Handbook on How to Help](#)
- [University of Illinois Extension Disaster Resources: Helping Families in Distress](#)
- [National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorders: PTSD and the Family](#)

Stress, Mental and Emotional Health

- [FEMA: Returning Home After a Disaster](#)
- [American Psychological Association\(APA\): Coping With the Aftermath of a Disaster](#)
- [APA: Warning Signs of Trauma-Related Stress](#)
- [Red Cross: Emotional Health Issues for Disaster Victims](#)

- [HHS, Center for Mental Health Services: Disaster Counseling Programs](#)
- [HHS, Center for Mental Health Services: Glossary of Terms - Disaster Counseling](#)
- [HHS, Center for Mental Health Services, Emergency Services and Disaster Relief Branch: Psychosocial Issues for Older Adults in Disasters](#)
- [National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorders: Survivors of Natural Disasters](#)
- [National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorders: Treatment of PTSD](#)
- [National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorders: The August 1999 Earthquake in Turkey and Post Traumatic Stress](#)
- [National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorders: Helping Survivors in the Wake of a Disaster](#)
- [National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorders: Disaster Mental Health Services - A Guidebook for Clinicians and Administrators](#)
- [HHS, Center for Mental Health Services: Disaster Crisis Counseling Programs for the Rural Community](#)
- [HHS, Center for Mental Health Services: Responding to the Needs of People with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness in Times of Major Disaster](#)
- [International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies](#)
- [International Critical Incident Stress Foundation](#)
- [American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress](#)
- [University of South Dakota, Disaster Mental Health Institute: Coping With the Aftermath of a Disaster](#)
- [University of South Dakota, Disaster Mental Health Institute: Coping With the Aftermath of Witnessing a Major Disaster](#)
- [University of South Dakota, Disaster Mental Health Institute: Coping With the Aftermath of an Aviation Disaster](#)

Disaster Workers

- [Red Cross: Emotional Health Issues for Families of Disaster Workers](#)
- [Red Cross: Emotional Health Issues for Disaster Workers](#)
- [National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorders: Disaster Rescue and Response Workers](#)

International Issues

- [OVC, International/Global Victims](#)
- [International Victimology Web Site](#)
- [World Society of Victimology](#)

Crime Victims

- [U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime \(OVC\), National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards](#)

- U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), International Directory of Compensation Programs
- OVC, Victims of Crime, Victim Assistance, Information Resources
- OVC, Initiatives for Improving the Mental Health of Traumatized Crime Victims
- OVC, *What You Can Do If You Are a Victim of Crime*
- OVC, Help for Victims
- OVC Bulletin, New Directions from the Field: Victims' Rights and Services for the 21st Century, Mental Health Community
- National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA): *The Crisis Reaction*
- NOVA: *The Psychological Aftermath*
- NOVA: Directory of International Programs for Survivors of Crime, Crisis and Trauma
- NOVA: Victims of Crime with Disabilities
- National Center for Victims of Crime: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime - Attorney General Guidelines for Victim and Witness Assistance 2000

Torture, Kidnapping and Hostages

- OVC Report (in PDF) - *Survivors of Politically Motivated Torture: A Large, Growing and Invisible Population of Crime Victims*
- International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims
- Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVI): After Effects of Torture
- Center for Victims of Torture in Minnesota
- OSAC: Personal Security Guidelines for the American Business Traveler Overseas - Chapter XVI and XVIII, pages 37-43, *Hostage Survival, Hijacking Survival Guidelines, Kidnapping Survival Guidelines*
- United Nations High Commission on Human Rights - Treaties

Disaster Relief

- U.S. Government Disaster Assistance
- FEMA Federal Response Plan
- Relief Web
- Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)
- International Association of Emergency Managers
- International Committee of the Red Cross
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- *Donate Now* - Red Cross
- CDC - National Center for Environmental Health, International Emergency and Refugee Health Branch
- Volunteers in Technical Assistance
- UNHCR

Death Investigations

- [National Association of Medical Examiners](#)
- [Network on Death Investigation Affairs \(NODIA\)](#)
- [Disaster Fatality Assistance \(NODIA\)](#)
- [HHS - Disaster Mortuary Teams \(DMORT\)](#)
- [Washington State Dental Association Mass Disaster Dental Identification Team - Links to Other Internet Web Sites](#)

Crisis References

- [University of Colorado - Boulder's Natural Hazards Center](#)
- [University of Illinois Extension, Disaster Resources](#)
- [U.S. Department of State - Bureau of International Organizations](#)