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,

The Team of the Consulate General of Switzerland
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### Federal Government

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):** [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

**Preparedness Resources:** Text Messages / Safety Tips / Shelters / Disaster Recovery Centers / Mobile Apps: [http://www.fema.gov/text-messages](http://www.fema.gov/text-messages)

### State Government


- **New York State:** [http://www.dhsses.ny.gov/](http://www.dhsses.ny.gov/)
- **Massachusetts:** [http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/](http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/)
- **Illinois:** [https://www.illinois.gov/iema/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.illinois.gov/iema/Pages/default.aspx)

### Local Government

- **New York:** [https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/about/overview.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/about/overview.page)
  - **Alerts** from Notify New York: [https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/notifynyc/(S(s4mlf3nwz40u4dhelmnwftli))/home.aspx](https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/notifynyc/(S(s4mlf3nwz40u4dhelmnwftli))/home.aspx)
- **Boston:** [https://www.boston.gov/departments/emergency-management](https://www.boston.gov/departments/emergency-management)
- **Philadelphia:** [https://beta.phila.gov/departments/oem/](https://beta.phila.gov/departments/oem/)
  - **Alerts** from Philadelphia: [https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612339#/signup](https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612339#/signup)

### Weather Forecast

- **National Weather Service:** [http://www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)
- **National Hurricane Centre:** [http://www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)
- **National Tsunami Warning:** [http://tsunami.gov](http://tsunami.gov)
- **Office of Emergency Management NYC:** [http://www.NYC.gov](http://www.NYC.gov) or calling 311 or download **Mobile App:** [http://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/5460/nyc311-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](http://www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/prepare-my-family-disaster)
- **American Red Cross:** [http://www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
  - Plan and Prepare:
    - [http://www.redcross.org/prepare](http://www.redcross.org/prepare)

### Other Information Sources in case of an Emergency

- **Radio:** [http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/)
- **Radio Stations by State:** [http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/coverage/station_listing.html](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/coverage/station_listing.html)
- **Internet News:**
  - CNN: [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)
  - FOX: [www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com)
  - MSNBC: [www.msnbc.com](http://www.msnbc.com)
  - NY1: [www.ny1.com](http://www.ny1.com)