

U. S. Embassy Tokyo
Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Typhoon Halola (TY12)
July 24, 2015

The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo alerts U.S. citizens that the Japan Meteorological Agency and the Kadena Weather Authority at U.S. Air Force Kadena Air Base are tracking Typhoon Halola (designated TY12 by the Japan Meteorological Agency) in the Western Pacific. As of 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2015, Typhoon Halola continues on a northwest track through the Western Pacific Ocean and will affect Okinawa and its outlying islands as a Category 2 storm from the early morning hours of Saturday, July 25, 2015. Okinawa is expected to experience peak sustained winds of up to 75 miles per hour and gusts of up to 100 miles per hour. Heavy rain and strong winds can be expected across the entire region.

The Kadena Weather Authority is in Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (TCCOR) and as of July 23, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. is at TCCOR 3, meaning that destructive winds of 50 knots (approx. 58 mph) or greater are anticipated on Okinawa within 24 hours. U.S. Consulate General Naha expects to remain open during normal business hours on Friday, July 24.

Current forecasts indicate Typhoon Halola will pass just west of Kyushu on Sunday, July 26 and then move on a northeastern track into the Sea of Japan, bringing heavy winds and rain to southern Honshu, including Yamaguchi Prefecture. U.S. citizens living and traveling in Japan should take this information into account. Be aware there is a possibility that the typhoon may change course.

All U.S. citizens living in or traveling to the area should monitor local weather reports, follow directions from local officials, and take other appropriate actions as needed.

Japan Meteorological Agency: <http://www.jma.go.jp/en/typh/>

Kadena Weather: <http://shogunweather.com/tropicalcycloneforecast/> .

Armed Forces Network (AFN) radio provides regular weather bulletins. You can listen to AFN on 89.1 FM in Okinawa, on 1575 AM in Nagasaki and Hiroshima, and on 810 AM in the Kanto Region. It is always wise to stock-up on food and typhoon supplies in advance of potential typhoons. If a storm approaches, be sure to locate shelter, monitor media reports, and follow all official instructions. Carry your travel documents at all times (e.g., U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in a safe, waterproof location. You should also contact friends and family in the United States with updates on your whereabouts.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Japan enroll in the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) at www.Travel.State.Gov. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Travelers should refer to the Department of State's 2015 Travel Alert on the Hurricane and Typhoon season at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings/hurricane-and-typhoon-season-travel-alert.html>

Additional information on storm preparedness may be found on the "Natural Disasters" page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs website at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/emergencies/natural-disasters.html>

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