



A deadly 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck central Chile on Saturday. The epicenter was located 73 miles north of Concepcion and 197 miles south of Santiago. To date, more than 1.5 million people have been displaced and the death toll is expected to rise.

According to the U.S. Department of State, there have been no reports of American citizen fatalities or injuries. As telephone and email communication becomes more dependable, it may be easier to contact family and friends in Chile using SMS (Cell text message) or other forms of social media such as Twitter and Facebook.

If you are concerned about a U.S. citizen in the affected area and have not been able to reach that person, you can contact the Chile Task Force by email at ChileEarthquake@state.gov or by calling 1-888-407-4747, a phone line set up by the State Department. Please provide as much information about the individual to assist in locating the U.S. citizen. This includes:

- full name
- birth date
- birth place
- location
- contact information in Chile
- any special circumstances

Because call volume may be heavy, you can also visit <http://www.travel.state.gov>.

For Washington DC-based Chilean Community Resources contact the embassy:

**Embassy of Chile
1732 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC
20036**

Phone: (202) 785-1746

Website: <http://www.chile-usa.org/>

Email: embassy@embassyofchile.org

Volunteers are assisting the injured and supporting hospitals to meet the needs of the population. Immediate assistance is required with search and rescue, field hospitals, emergency health, water purification, emergency shelters, logistics and telecommunications.

What to Expect After an Earthquake:

- Expect aftershocks. These secondary shockwaves are usually less violent.
- Listen to a battery-operated radio or television. Use the telephone only for emergencies.
- Open cabinets cautiously. Beware of objects that can fall off shelves.
- Stay away from damaged areas. Return home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Help injured or trapped persons. Help your neighbors who may require special assistance.
- Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline or other flammable liquids immediately.

- Leave the area if you smell gas or fumes from other chemicals.

Additional Resources

Google Crisis Response: <http://www.google.com/intl/eng/relief/chileearthquake/>

FEMA: http://www.fema.gov/hazard/earthquake/eq_after.shtm

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