Aconcagua: Safety Advice for U.S. Citizens from the U.S. Embassy

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Americans die nearly every year on Aconcagua! Don’t be one of them...

...and many more need emergency assistance and evacuation. Thousands of foreigners do, however, safely climb the mountain. In order to make your adventure unforgettable, please:

- Get insurance (medical, death, evacuation)
- Follow Park Ranger and Search and Rescue Team advice and instructions
- Update your SOS or GPS emergency locator information
  - Make sure your device is enabled to function in the park and your provider has the correct information for Argentine authorities
  - Add the U.S. Embassy as an alternate emergency contact +54-11-5777-4354/4873
- Register with the Embassy (STEP) and provide emergency contact information and your itinerary https://step.state.gov/step/

Before you go...

Tell someone where you are going and when you’ll be back.

Gather information on the attractions and hazards you may encounter.

Check the weather report, but don’t depend on it.

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Travel within your ability.

Use good judgment when choosing a route or deciding when to turn back.

While you are out...

Be responsible for your own safety and the safety of others.

Be prepared for the unexpected - Make contingency plans in case of emergency.

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If you run into problems...

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