

**Chile Earthquake
Family Linking Bulletin #2
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The ICRC has launched a Family Links Website aimed at enabling persons in Chile and abroad to register the names of relatives with whom they wish to restore contact. It will progressively incorporate information offering responses to those queries.

People seeking news from their loved ones can register the name of sought persons directly on the site at: <http://www.icrc.org/familylinks>

- The information given on this website is not confidential and can be viewed by anyone.
- The majority of postings on the Family Links website are from people who are searching for loved ones.
- As the Red Cross in Chile is able to collect information on those who are safe and well, we expect to see more “safe and well” postings from Chile. We do not know when this will happen, but Tracing specialists are en route to Chile, and this is a priority.

Instructions for using the Family Links website

- First search the list. Try various spellings of the name.
- If your relative is not on the list, click on “Register Your Relative”
- Family members should search the list regularly to see if their loved one has registered.
- If there are multiple search results, multiple people may be seeking the same individual and could have extra information.

Inquiries regarding US citizens living or traveling in Chile

Inquiries concerning U.S. Citizens abroad should be referred to the U.S. Department of State, Office of Overseas Citizens services, at 1-888-407-4747 or 202-647-5225. An email address is also available for US citizen inquiries: ChileEarthquake@state.gov . Please provide as much information about the individual (full name, birth date and birth place, location and contact information in Chile, any special circumstances) to assist us in locating the U.S. citizen.

Additional Family Linking Resources Available

Google has launched its Person Finder tool for the Chile Earthquake:
<http://chilepersonfinder.appspot.com/>

For more information

American Red Cross Chapters may contact Elena Grover, Tracing Caseworker, at grovere@usa.redcross.org or 202.303.5216 with questions on family linking in Chile.

Members of the public should not be directed to contact NHQ.