CaboVerde360
EMERGENCY GUIDE

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Prepared for the worst case.

The most important emergency numbers, embassy contacts and hospitals for your Cape Verde trip - save and print this in case you have no signal.

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POLICE	FIRE BRIGADE	AMBULANCE

According to several international travel sources, also reachable without a SIM card, nationwide - we could not find an explicit official confirmation that calls are free of charge.

Your Embassy

Cape Verde has very few resident foreign embassies. Most travelers from Europe and North America are represented by an embassy in **Lisbon, Portugal** or **Dakar, Senegal**, or by a local honorary consul where one exists. **Check your own country's foreign ministry website before you travel** to find out which embassy is actually responsible for Cape Verde in your case - this varies by nationality.

Example - German nationals: Germany has no embassy in Cape Verde either; the German Embassy in Lisbon is responsible. A German Honorary Consul is based in Mindelo (São Vicente): Carlos Ferreira Santos · 30 A, Prédio "Extra", 1° andar, Av. Dr. Alberto Leite, Caixa Postal 906, Mindelo · Tel. +238 231 27 25 · mindelo@hk-diplo.de · Mon-Fri 9-11am by appointment.

Contact details for embassies and honorary consuls can change - always check your own country's official travel-advice website before departure.

Key Hospitals

Hospital Dr. Agostinho Neto
Praia, Santiago · the country's largest and best-equipped hospital

Hospital Baptista de Sousa
Mindelo, São Vicente · second most important hospital

REGIONAL HOSPITALS (4 FURTHER ISLANDS)

- **Sal (Espargos):** Hospital Regional "Dr. Ramiro Figueira"
- **Santo Antão:** Hospital Regional "Dr. João Morais"
- **Fogo (São Filipe):** Hospital Regional São Francisco de Assis - also responsible for Brava

BOA VISTA, SÃO NICOLAU, MAIO

No regional hospital of their own (as of 2026), only public Centros de Saúde. Additional English-speaking options per the UK government's list: **Clínica Boa Esperança** (Boa Vista, near Sal-Rei) and **Clinitur** (Sal, Santa Maria).

For serious cases on smaller islands, transfer to Praia or Mindelo is common - but this is not a guarantee of availability, transport time or an evacuation option in your specific case. Given the limited medical infrastructure, **international health insurance with repatriation cover** is strongly recommended.

Before You Fly: 4 Steps

1. **Register with your home country's traveler notification service, if one exists**
   E.g. Germany: ELEFAND, UK: FCDO travel advice alerts, US: STEP - lets your government reach you in a crisis.
2. **Get international health insurance with repatriation cover**
   Essential for serious cases given the limited medical infrastructure.
3. **Save emergency numbers & embassy contacts offline on your phone**
   A screenshot is enough - worth its weight in gold if you have no signal.
4. **Know the key hospitals**
   See above - directly relevant depending on which island you're visiting.