



Travel Alert: United Kingdom and Gibraltar (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland)

Terrorism

Europe > United Kingdom

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The U.S. Department of State released the following Travel Alert on January 31, 2011: The Department of State has issued this Travel Alert to inform U.S. citizens traveling to or resident in the United Kingdom (UK) of the continuing high level of terrorist threat, including the potential for terrorists to attack public transportation systems, aviation and other travel infrastructure in the UK. U.S. citizens are reminded to maintain a high level of vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness. This Travel Alert expires on April 30, 2011.

In the past several years, extremists have targeted and attacked subway and rail systems, as well as the aviation sector in cities such as London, Madrid, Glasgow, and most recently, Moscow, demonstrating that terrorists continue to take an active interest in targeting these transport sectors across a variety of European cities.

As has been widely reported in the press, UK law enforcement authorities have taken action to guard against a terrorist attack, underscoring in their public statements that the police are using a range of tactics to mitigate the threat.

The Embassy is located at 24 Grosvenor Square. The Embassy telephone number is 0207 499 9000. The Consular section can also be contacted by email at ConsularLondon@state.gov.

U.S. citizens in the United Kingdom are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Travelers Enrollment Program (STEP) at the following website: <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly at the U.S. Embassy. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

Updated information on travel and security in the United Kingdom may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. For further information, please consult the Country Specific Information for The United Kingdom, as well as the Worldwide Caution. These products and the latest international travel information for U.S. citizens are available on the Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>.