



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Manzini (Swaziland) Demonstrations in Progress

Riots/Civil Unrest

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U.S. Embassy Mbabane released the following Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens on September 19, 2011:

Public transport operators have blocked vehicle access along various streets leading into and out of Manzini. They have burned tires on some of these roads preventing through traffic. Police have been deployed. You should avoid traveling in and around Manzini until demonstration ends.

Remember that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can become confrontational and escalate into violence. Please avoid all areas of demonstrations and do not cross picket lines.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Mbabane website. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information ([http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1031.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1031.html)). If you don't have internet access, you can call for updates -- 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

If you live in or travel to Swaziland, please enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP - <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also allow your friends and family to communicate with you in an emergency. Remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or when updating information to include your current phone number and current email address so you can be reached in case of an emergency.

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