



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Jerusalem (Israel), Potential Demonstrations

Threats; Riots/Civil Unrest

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U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem released the following Emergency Message for U.S. citizens on September 21, 2011:

The United States Consulate General in Jerusalem is prohibiting official mission personnel from visiting the Old City of Jerusalem this Friday, September 23, 2011. This prohibition is due to the potential for demonstrations and large gatherings inside the Old City that day. The U.S. Consulate General reminds U.S. citizens in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza that even peaceful marches and demonstrations can turn violent with little or no warning. U.S. citizens should monitor the security situation when planning their activities near areas where such marches and demonstrations may occur. U.S. citizens are urged to avoid areas of traditional conflict during this time.

U.S. citizens in Jerusalem are encouraged to exercise caution and take appropriate measures to ensure their safety and security, and to report any suspicious or unusual activity immediately to Israeli authorities. U.S. citizens should, as always, maintain a low profile in public.

For further information, U.S. citizens may telephone the Consulate General in Jerusalem at (972) (2) 630-4000 or the Embassy in Tel Aviv at (972) (3) 519-7575 during working hours. After hours (for emergencies), U.S. citizens may telephone either the Consulate General at: (972) (2) 622-7250, or the Embassy in Tel Aviv at: (972) (3) 519-7551.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings, the Country Specific Information for Israel, Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza, and health-information resources can be found. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well. You can also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States and Canada, or for callers in other areas by calling 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 U.S. federal holidays).