



Emergency Message: Kenya, Border Security Concerns Increased

Crime; Terrorism; Threats

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U.S. Embassy Nairobi released the following Emergency Message for U.S. citizens on October 17, 2011:

This is to inform U.S. citizens residing in or visiting Kenya that recent kidnappings, cross-border military action, and threats of retaliation have increased security concerns along the Kenya-Somalia border. Non-essential U.S. government travel to El Wak, Wajir, Garissa, Dadaab, Mandera and Liboi, as well as Lamu, has been suspended. U.S. citizens should take this information into account when planning travel and consider deferring travel at this time. The U.S. Embassy is closely monitoring the security situation along the border and will provide updated information as it becomes available.

If you are going to live in or travel to Kenya, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Nairobi 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 Warning, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or for callers from other countries, 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).

You can also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

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