



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Jamaica Issues Warning Over Holiday Crime

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U.S. Embassy Kingston issued the following Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens on October 27, 2011:

The U.S. Embassy in Kingston advises U.S. citizens resident in or traveling to Jamaica that crime, including violent crime and car-jackings, historically increases in the weeks before the Christmas and New Year holidays. Crime, which is already at a serious level in Jamaica, can occur anywhere, even in normally quiet residential neighborhoods, and increased crime has already been noted in the Jacks Hill/Russell Heights area of Kingston. The U.S. Embassy urges U.S. citizens to take appropriate precautions even in areas that they normally frequent without incident, and to avoid travel after dark unless circumstances make it necessary. U.S. citizens should remain aware of their surroundings and remember to lock car doors and keep windows up when driving.

U.S. citizens who wish to report being a victim of a crime may contact the Embassy's American Citizen Services Unit at kingstonacs@state.gov or by telephone at 876-702-6450. In the event of an after hours emergency involving a U.S. citizen, the Embassy's Duty Officer can be reached at (876) 702-6450 or (876) 702-6000.

U.S. citizens traveling in Jamaica should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website and the U.S. Department of State's travel website, where the current Worldwide Caution Messages, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review the article entitled *A Safe Trip Abroad*, which includes valuable security information for living and/or traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 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.