



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Warsaw (Poland) Demonstrations

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U.S. Embassy Warsaw informs U.S. citizens that on Monday, December 12 and Tuesday, December 13, 2011, multiple demonstrations are planned in Warsaw. Local police anticipate that some could have the potential for violence.

On the evening of Monday, December 12, there will be multiple demonstrations around Ikara Street in Mokotow, in connection with the anniversary of the imposition of martial law in Poland. A march will begin on Monday at about 18:00 at Pl. Konstytucji and proceed to Ikara Street. Demonstrators may gather near the residence of former president Jaruzelski. On Tuesday, December 13, a separate march organized by the Law and Justice party (PiS) will begin at 17:00 at Pl. Trzech Krzyzy (Three Crosses Square) and will likely proceed along Al. Ujazdowskie to Belvedere Palace. There will be a large police presence in the city center and heavy traffic congestion throughout Warsaw. Police anticipate a crowd of up to 10,000 participants.

The U.S. Embassy recommends avoiding the areas of the demonstrations. Please exercise caution and avoid walking alone or being caught up in the demonstrations, and depart the area if you see any indication of conflict. Even demonstrations meant to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable, and you should avoid them if at all possible. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to the local news media to determine if there might be demonstrations planned for where you live.

Current information on safety and security are available by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. 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 stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution. Follow the Bureau of Consular Affairs on Facebook as well.

The U.S. Embassy in Warsaw is located at Aleje Ujazdowskie 29/31 (tel: +48-22-504-2000) and is open to the American public Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., excluding Polish and American holidays and the last working Friday of each month. You may schedule an appointment for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. In the event of emergency only, you may contact the Embassy duty officer after hours at tel: +48-22-504-2000.