



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Niamey (Niger), Student Protests

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This warden message is to inform U.S. citizens of the recurring student protests in major cities in Niger, they are likely to continue.

There have been cases of protestors attacking cars and burning tires. The Embassy recommends caution in moving around and would like to remind U.S. citizens to continue to exercise caution and avoid areas of protest activity.

We remind U.S. citizens that demonstrations intended to be peaceful can quickly turn confrontational and escalate into violence. The Embassy, therefore, urges U.S. citizens to avoid crowds, and street demonstrations, even if they appear to be peaceful, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. U.S. citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surrounding at all times.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Niamey web site. 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. If you don't have internet access, we have a call center 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 are going to live in or travel to Niger, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling 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 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.

The U.S. Embassy Niamey (<http://niamey.usembassy.gov/>) is located on Rue des Ambassades, tel. (227) 20-72-26-61. The Embassy fax number is (227) 20-73-31-67 and (227) 20-72-31-46.

The after-hours emergency number is tel. (227) 20-72-31-41 and ask to speak with the duty officer.