



## Emergency Messages for U.S. Citizens: Timor-Leste Holiday Crime

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The U.S. Embassy Dili reminds all U.S. citizens in Timor-Leste that criminal activity tends to increase during the holiday season. The following are tips and some reminders to help you:  
Personal Security Measures

Be cautious and extra vigilant as you go about your routines during this holiday period. Criminal elements may be targeting and assessing you. Here are some tips on how to be a harder target:

- Carry as little with you as possible when shopping or out in town (wallets, bags, purses, jewelry, iPods, etc.)
- Travel with a companion or group if possible
- Keep car windows up and doors locked
- Look around at your surroundings before you enter or exit the car
- Do not leave items inside your car that pedestrians can easily see
- Walk with confidence and purpose
- Make sure your car is in good operational condition
- If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't – remove yourself from the situation
- Keep your cell phone charged, with emergency numbers noted.

Now is a great time to review your family's plan for handling emergencies.

DO NOT drink and drive. If attending a holiday party please have a designated driver. Drive with extreme caution, particularly at night and pay attention to pedestrians.

If you find yourself in a potentially dangerous situation, cooperate with the criminals. Your life and the lives of your family members are more important than any material item(s) the criminals are demanding.

Remember to leave contact information with a trusted friend or co-worker.

The U.S. Embassy is located at Avenida de Portugal, Praia dos Coqueiros, Dili, Timor-Leste, tel: (670) 332-4684, fax: (670) 331-3206, email: ConsDili@state.gov. For emergencies after hours please call (670) 723-1328.

We encourage all U.S. citizens in Timor-Leste to enroll with the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program or at the U.S. Embassy in Manila. By enrolling, you can receive the Embassy's most recent security and safety updates during your trip. Enrolling also ensures that we can reach you, or your designated emergency points of contact, during an emergency.



You can get specific information about security in Timor-Leste by visiting the U.S. Embassy Dili website, and reviewing the Department of State's Country Specific Information for Timor-Leste. Stay up to date by bookmarking the Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution. Follow us on Twitter and become a fan of 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. 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).