



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), Public Safety Strike

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According to media reports, unions representing various groups of Rio de Janeiro state public safety employees, including the military police, the civil police and the fire fighters, are conducting a work stoppage beginning Friday, February 10. The scope and duration of the strike are not fully clear at this time, but Rio state government authorities are stating there are plans in effect to assure public order and provide essential police and emergency services. U.S. citizens residing in or visiting Rio de Janeiro and surrounding areas should closely monitor media reports and the Consulate General's web site, <http://riodejaneiro.usconsulate.gov/emergency-message.html>, to determine whether conditions will allow them to continue their normal professional and recreational activities. They should avoid strike-related rallies.

U.S. citizens who travel to or reside in Brazil are urged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) in order to receive the most up-to-date security information. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency. U.S. citizens without Internet access may enroll directly with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate. The U.S. Consulate General in Rio is located at Avenida Presidente Wilson, 147 and can be reached at phone number 21-3823-2000, emergency after-hours phone number 21-3823-2029, American Citizen Services fax number 21-3823-2093, and e-mail acsrio@state.gov. Travelers may also consult the website of the U.S. Consulate General in Rio de Janeiro for more information.

U.S. citizens should also consult the Department of State's Country Specific Information for Brazil which is located on the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs website. Travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. Stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website which contains current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook, and download our Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.