



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Oslo (Norway), Planned Demonstration (March 2, 2012)

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The Oslo Police have informed the Embassy of a demonstration that will take place on Friday, March 2 from 1330 to 1430 hrs. The demonstration is planned to take place outside of the U.S. Embassy, and is intended to express opposition to the U.S. and NATO's engagement in Afghanistan as well as the unintentional mishandling of religious materials at Bagram Airbase. The organizers of the demonstration have been linked to a group espousing anti-NATO and anti-American views. The size of the demonstration is unknown but there will be a police presence. In addition, there is a possibility for counter-demonstrations.

As with any demonstration, we wish to remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. Please exercise caution if you are within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

Individuals needing consular assistance from the U.S. Embassy should contact the Embassy by email or by telephone (+47 2130-8550, or +47 2244- 8550, after hours). The U.S. Embassy in Oslo is located at Henrik Ibsens Gate 48.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website, <http://norway.usembassy.gov>, and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov), where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," which includes valuable security information. Travelers may obtain up-to-date information 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. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).