



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Panama City (Panama), Protests Force Road Closures

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The U.S. Embassy in Panama City alerts U.S. citizens to road closures due to protests on the Pan-American Highway near San Felix, Pacora, Horconcos, Tole, Las Lomas, and Vigui areas. The Embassy urges American citizens to avoid traveling on the highway near those locations.

Other protests and road closures may occur with little or no warning, so American citizens should closely monitor news coverage of the protests and potential road closures and defer traveling to and within areas known to have protest activity. The Embassy continues to caution its employees and all U.S. citizens to exercise heightened security awareness and avoid crowds and any areas where there are demonstrations or where confrontations could occur.

For updated information on the security situation in Panama, please contact the American Citizen Services Unit of the U.S. Embassy at (011)-507-207-7030. The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy is located in Clayton, Building 783, in the Clayton section of Panama. The Embassy web site is <http://panama.usembassy.gov/> and e-mails should be addressed to Panama-ACS@state.gov. The after-hours and emergency phone numbers are (011)-507-207-7000 or (011)-507- 207-7200.

For up-to-date information on security, Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Further information on safety and security can also be obtained 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. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

U.S. citizens who travel to or reside in Panama are encouraged to enroll in the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). By enrolling, you make it easier for the U.S. Embassy to contact you in case of an emergency.