



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Cape Town (South Africa), Nationwide Strike Schedule (March 7)

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This message is to alert U.S. citizens in South Africa to the potential disruption of services resulting from a nationwide strike scheduled for Wednesday, March 7. Public schools, hospitals and the transport system will all be included in the scope of the strike. There is also a potential for wide-spread demonstrations throughout the country. U.S. citizens should remain alert to reports of demonstrations interfering with traffic and are advised to plan accordingly, remain alert, and monitor local news broadcasts for updates on the strike. U.S. citizens are reminded that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid areas of planned demonstrations and to not cross picket lines.

In Cape Town there is a march planned for March 7th that is scheduled to occur between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the city center. The march will begin at the Keizergracht Mosque and proceed to Darling Street, then to Buitekant and Strand streets, and then to Adderly, Spin, and Plein streets, and conclude at the Parliament building. Retail business in the area may be affected. Major traffic disruptions are anticipated.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the website of the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria. 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 Warning, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App for 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 and Canada, 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).

If you are going to live in or travel to South Africa, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). 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.

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