



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Madrid (Spain), Planned Strike (March 29)

### Significant Events

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A general strike is expected to occur in Spain tomorrow, March 29, 2012, beginning at midnight tonight and lasting until midnight on Thursday March 29.

The U.S. Embassy in Madrid advises U.S. citizens to avoid areas where crowds have gathered. A number of demonstrations are planned in major cities, including Madrid and Barcelona. While no violence is expected, possible conflicts could arise at picket lines, at bus stops, or at metro stations, and at establishments that choose not to close. Police will be present to monitor the demonstrations. We recommend that U.S. citizens specifically avoid the below sites where large numbers of people may gather.

Transportation services, including buses and metro systems, are expected to be affected and to operate at significantly lower levels. Delays and traffic problems can be expected.

Travelers should check their transportation company's website or call to verify that other travel (flight or train) reservations are still in effect. Alternate travel options or reimbursement for costs should be offered by each company.

Ambulance and fire brigade services will not cease operations. Public waste-removal services will operate at reduced levels.

Schools are expected to operate. Due to the large numbers anticipated for the demonstrations tomorrow, parents with school age children are recommended to closely review the locations of road closures and demonstrations. If you choose to take your child to school, the Embassy recommends that you allow enough time in your schedule to ensure your child has been picked up and is back at home prior to the beginning of road closures and announced demonstration routes.

The U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate General in Barcelona and U.S. Consular Agencies will be open as usual on March 29th.

**Madrid Demonstrations** (Traffic information for Madrid can be viewed on the Municipal website. [www.munimadrid.es](http://www.munimadrid.es))

Route: Plaza de Neptuno, Paseo del Prado to Puerta del Sol

Time: 6:00pm - 9:30pm

Participants: 250,000 Route: Calle Atocha to Plaza de Jacinto Benavente

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Participants: 4,000 Route: Plaza de la Beata Maria Ana de Jesus to Reina Sofia Museum



Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Participants: 3,000 Place: Plaza de Cibeles

Time: 07:45 am - 10:30 am

Participants: 1,000 Place: Teatro Real

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00pm

Participants: 200 For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings, and health-information resources can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S. and Canada. Callers outside the U.S. and Canada may call 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.)

We encourage U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad to enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Following are the contact numbers of our Embassy in Madrid, as well as the Consulate General in Barcelona. All contact numbers and addresses are also available on our website.

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