



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Warsaw (Poland), Planned Demonstrations

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The U.S. Embassy Warsaw alerts U.S. citizens that on Friday, March 30, 2012, a potentially large-scale demonstration is planned outside the Parliament building. Local police estimate that the number of participants could range as high as 20,000 demonstrators.

Beginning Friday morning, protesters from the "Solidarity" movement and other local labor unions are expected to gather outside of the Parliament. Police anticipate heavy traffic congestion throughout Warsaw.

The U.S. Embassy recommends that you avoid the area of the demonstration, including in front of the U.S. Embassy on Aleje Ujazdowskie. Please exercise caution and avoid walking alone or being caught up in the demonstration. Depart the area if you see any indication of conflict. Even demonstrations meant to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable, and you should avoid them if at all possible. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to the local news media.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens and nationals traveling to or residing in Poland to enroll in the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). U.S. citizens and nationals without Internet access may enroll directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Enrolling allows you to receive updated information about areas abroad, and makes it easier for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate to contact you or your designated contact in case of an emergency.

You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, where you can find the Worldwide Caution and current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have Internet access, you can call 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.

The U.S. Embassy in Warsaw is located at Aleje Ujazdowskie 29/31 (tel. +48-22-504-2000) and is open to the American public Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., excluding Polish and American holidays and the last working Friday of each month.

Appointments may also be scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **In the event of emergency only**, you may contact the Embassy duty officer after hours at tel. +48-22-504-2000.