



## **Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Chisinau (Moldova), Assault on Mateevici Street 3) Assault**

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Moldovan police informed the U.S. Embassy of an assault on a French national that occurred on the evening of April 3, 2012, at 1800 hrs in front of the Novitas Building on Mateevici Street, an area close to the U.S. Embassy building. Preliminary reports indicate the five assailants were Moldovan nationals. The suspects fled the area when the police were called.

Although there were no reports of U.S. citizens involved in this incident, U.S. citizens are reminded to be mindful of their physical surroundings outside of their homes. While physical assaults are very rare, situational awareness is key to avoiding any possible altercations. It is also a good safety practice to carry a cell phone with the numbers for the police and ambulance services preprogrammed for ease of use.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, 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 for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions 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.

All U.S. citizens in Moldova are urged to register online at the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Registering gives U.S. citizens access to updated information on travel and security within Moldova and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency. Please note the following contact information:

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