



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Belmopan (Belize), Gang Violence in Public A

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This message is to inform U.S. citizens in Belize that the U.S. Embassy urges the exercise of extreme caution when attending any public events or gatherings with large crowds as a result of the recent high-profile gang-related murders in Belize. Security information also indicates that there could be gang violence at the National Agriculture and Trade Show (NATS) which takes place in Belmopan from April 27-29, 2012. U.S. citizens could expect to see enhanced security measures implemented at the NATS and along the highways leading into Belmopan. Caution should also be exercised in Belize City, especially the south and southwest due to areas of known gang activity.

U.S. citizens should continue to remain vigilant at all times. Always remain aware of your surroundings, and be prepared to exit any establishment that you are visiting if the security situation deteriorates.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, 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 or, for inquirers in other areas, by calling a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00am to 8:00pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

U.S. citizens living in or traveling to Belize are encouraged to enroll with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) website at: <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> By enrolling, U.S. citizens can obtain updated information on travel and security within Belize, and make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency. U.S. citizens without Internet access may enroll in person directly with the U.S. Embassy.

The U.S. Embassy is located at #4 Floral Park Road, Belmopan City, Belize; Tel: 501-822-4011 8:00am to 5:00pm—or for emergencies after hours, weekends, and holidays at 501-610-5030, Fax: 501-822-4050; E-mail: ACSBelize@state.gov; Website: <https://Belize.usembassy.state.gov>.