



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Bamako (Mali), Reopening of U.S. Embassy

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The U.S. Embassy is sending this Emergency Message to inform U.S. citizens that the Embassy will reopen on May 7, 2012, including for American Citizen Services.

Although Senou International Airport in Bamako and land borders are open, the U.S. Department of State continues to strongly urge U.S. citizens in Mali to consider their own personal security and contingency plans, including the option of temporarily departing Mali.

On April 4, the Department of State authorized the departure of non-emergency personnel and eligible family members of U.S. Embassy personnel. The U.S. Department of State extended the Authorized Departure status for an additional thirty days starting May 2, 2012. The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens traveling and residing in Mali of the Department of State's Worldwide Caution regarding continued threat of terrorist actions and violence against U.S. citizens and interest throughout the world. The U.S. Department of State issued a Worldwide Caution to update information on the continuing threat of terrorist actions and violence against U.S. citizens and interests throughout the world. It is important to be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to local news reporting on security issues. You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Bamako web site. You can 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 Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates: 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States and Canada, or from other countries on 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 federal holidays). You can also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

If you are going to live in or travel to Mali, 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 family and friends 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.



The U.S. Embassy in Bamako is located at ACI 2000, Rue 243 Porte 297. The Consular Section can be contacted at +223 2070 2505, or via email at consularbamako@state.gov. For after-hours emergencies, please contact the Embassy Duty Officer via the Marine Guard at +223 2070 2301 or 2070 2302.