



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Vilnius (Lithuania), Planned Demonstration (M 26) Other

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The Government of Lithuania has granted permission for the “For Freedom and Truth! Against lies and violence” organization to demonstrate on May 26th to protest the Lithuanian government’s handling of the Kedys child custody and child endangerment case. Up to 2,000 people are expected to participate. The group plans to assemble at 1:00 p.m. near the Lithuanian Parliament at 53 Gedimino Avenue, march along Gedimino Avenue, gather at the Presidential Palace at 3 S. Daukanto Square, and remain there until 4:30 p.m.

We wish to remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Vilnius website. Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at-1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well.

All U.S. citizens in Vilnius are urged to enroll online at the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Enrolling gives U.S. citizens access to updated information on travel and security within Lithuania and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency. In the event of an emergency, the U.S. Embassy in Vilnius can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (370 5) 266 5500. We encourage you to visit the Embassy's website, which includes consular information and the most recent messages to the American community in Lithuania. You can also send an e-mail to Embassy Vilnius’s consular section at ConSec@state.gov.