



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), Demonstration

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This emergency message is being issued to alert U.S. citizens in Burkina Faso that a demonstration is disrupting traffic near the interchange close to the Residence Alice in Ouagadougou. Police have launched tear-gas to open the roads. U.S. citizens are encouraged to use alternate routes as they move about the city.

We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can quickly and without much advance warning turn confrontational and escalate into violence. The Embassy, therefore, urges U.S. citizens to avoid crowds, political gatherings, and street demonstrations, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. U.S. citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surrounding at all times.

The State Department's Office of Overseas Citizens Services publishes the latest travel information on the Department of State Consular Affairs web site. That office can be reached from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday, by calling 1-888-407-4747 from within the United States and Canada, or by calling 1-202-501-4444 from other countries.

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Burkina Faso are encouraged to enroll with the Embassy through the Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) website, so they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Burkina Faso. Citizens without Internet access may enroll directly with the Embassy. In using STEP, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Ouagadougou is located in Ouaga 2000, Sector 15, on Avenue Sembene Ousmane, southeast of the Monument aux Heros Nationaux. Additional local information, including recent warden messages, is available on the Embassy Ouagadougou web site. For after-hours emergencies, please contact the Embassy's primary phone number, +226 50 49 53 00, press "1" and ask to speak to the duty officer.