



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Mbabane (Swaziland), Public Disturbances and Strikes
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This security message is to advise you that there are ongoing strikes and demonstrations that have resulted in violent confrontations in the country of Swaziland. Please take appropriate precautions to protect yourself by staying away from crowds, especially where demonstrators and security forces have gathered. Security forces have used tear gas and rubber bullets, as well as other physical means, to restrain and disperse demonstrators. Multiple casualties have occurred with hospitalizations required during the recent conflicts between the security forces and demonstrators.

The civil servants, nurses, transport workers, teachers and other unions have called for continuation of nationwide strikes. We recommend U.S. citizens read the local papers for information on planned demonstration and marches. Citizens should have contingency options for medical treatment if hospital services and other medical support are curtailed by strikes, as well as alternate transportation options should the national transportation system be interrupted.

You can stay in touch and also 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 Warning, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App for travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or, for callers from other countries, 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 U.S. federal holidays).

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

U.S. Embassy Mbabane

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Telephone: (268) 2404-6441 (Appointments are required for non-emergency American Citizens Services and can be made at the US Embassy website:

<http://swaziland.usembassy.gov/appointments.html>)

After-hours emergency telephone number: (268) 7602 8414