



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Damascus (Syria), Closure of Polish Protecting Power in Syria

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Effective immediately, the Government of Poland no longer serves as the protecting power for U.S. interests in Syria. All official Polish Embassy personnel have departed Syria, and the U.S. Interests Section operated by the Polish Protecting Power has been closed until further notice. The United States continues to warn U.S. citizens against travel to Syria and recommends that U.S. citizens remaining in Syria depart immediately. A new Travel Warning for Syria was released on July 27, 2012 and supersedes the Travel Warning dated March 6, 2012.

The United States intends to make an announcement soon on a new arrangement to assist U.S. citizens in Syria and oversee its property. Please see the Country Specific Information for Syria on the Department of State's website at www.travel.state.gov, which will be updated as details become available.

U.S. citizens in Syria who are in need of emergency assistance should call 0969-333644. Callers outside Syria should dial +963-969-333644. Callers in the United States and Canada may dial the toll free number 1-888-407-4747. Callers outside the United States and Canada may dial 1-202-501-4444. Please direct inquiries regarding U.S. citizens in Syria to SyriaEmergencyUSC@state.gov.

U.S. citizens seeking to apply for passports or Consular Reports of Birth Abroad should contact a U.S. Embassy or Consulate outside of Syria. Information for several nearby U.S. consulates and embassies is available below. A full list is available at the [Department of State's list of embassies and consulates](#).

U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt
Consular Section
5 Tawfik Diab Street
Garden City, Cairo
telephone: (20) 2-2797-2301



fax: (20) 2-2797-2472

email: consularcairoacs@state.gov

For after-hours emergencies involving U.S. citizens, call (20) 2-2797-3300.

The Embassy is open Sunday - Thursday. Phone-inquiry hours are between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon

Awkar Facing the Municipality
PO Box 70-840, Beirut
Telephone: (961) 4 542600 - 543600
Facsimile: (961) 4 544209

E-mail: BeirutACS@state.gov

The Embassy is open Monday – Friday.

For after-hours emergencies involving U.S. citizens, call 961-4-543600 and ask to speak to the duty officer.

U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan

Al-Umayyaween Street, Abdoun neighborhood, PO Box 354, Amman 11118
Telephone: [962] (6) 590-6000
Emergency after-hours telephone: [962] (6) 590-6500
Facsimile: [962] (6) 592-4102

The Embassy is open Sunday - Thursday.

Please note that the U.S. Embassy in Amman no longer provides courier service to or from Syria. Applicants may opt to remain in Jordan until the document is ready, or provide a Jordanian address to which the passport can be delivered.

U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkey

110 Atatürk Boulevard, 06100, Kavaklıdere
Telephone: (90) (312) 455-5555
Visa Information: (90) (212) 340-4444 or **Visa Information**



Emergency after-hours telephone: (90) (312) 455-5555
Facsimile: (90) (312) 468-6131

The Embassy is open Monday - Friday.

The Department of State urges those U.S. citizens who decide to remain in Syria despite this Travel Warning to enroll their stay through the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at www.travel.state.gov, and provide their current contact information and next-of-kin information.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad regularly should monitor the media and the **U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website**, where the current **Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts**, and **Country Specific Information** can be found. U.S. citizens should also review "**A Safe Trip Abroad**," which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad.

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