



Emergency Message to U.S. Citizens: Guatemala City (Guatemala), Possible Violent Criminal Activity in Zone 13 Crime

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The following alerts U.S. citizens to an increased Guatemalan National Police presence in Zone 13 of Guatemala City. Please share the following information with any other U.S. citizens you know, as soon as possible. We hope to have this message disseminated as widely as possible within the U.S. citizen community. Please contact the American Citizen Services Unit via e-mail (amcitsguatemala@state.gov), fax (2331-3804), or telephone (2326-4501) if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your support and assistance.

The Guatemalan National Police (PNC) has increased its presence in Zone 13 of Guatemala City in response to the possibility of violent criminal activity in the next 72 hours. The Embassy advises U.S. citizens who live in or have a need to visit Zone 13 including those who may use public transportation, to remain aware of their surroundings and take all necessary precautions to ensure their safety.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs' website www.travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

The U.S. Embassy in Guatemala is located at Avenida Reforma 7-01, Zone 10, Guatemala City. Please contact the American Citizen Services Unit by email to amcitsguatemala@state.gov, by phone at 011-(502)2326-4501, or by fax at (502)2331-3804. The after-hours emergency number is 011-502-2331-2354 or (502)2331-2354.