



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Beirut (Lebanon), Heightened Potential Threat

U.S. Citizens

Religious Terrorism; Political Violence

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The U.S. Embassy has received reports of an increased possibility of attacks against U.S. citizens in Lebanon. Possible threats include kidnapping, the potential for an upsurge in violence, the escalation of family or neighborhood disputes, as well as U.S. citizens being the target of terrorist attacks in Lebanon. U.S. Embassy personnel remain under strict travel restrictions, and all U.S. citizens are urged to take additional security precautions.

The Fulbright and the English Language Fellow programs have been suspended in Lebanon due to the deteriorating security situation and the increased possibility of attacks against American citizens in Lebanon.

The Embassy reminds U.S. citizens to consult the Department of State's Travel Warning for Lebanon, to assess their personal security, vary travel routes, exercise caution, take appropriate measures to ensure their safety, and report any suspicious or unusual activity immediately to authorities.

The U.S. Embassy in Lebanon is located at Awkar facing the Municipality, PO Box 70-840, Beirut. For further information, U.S. citizens may telephone the Embassy in Lebanon at (961) (4) 542600 or (961) (4) 543600.

The Embassy advises U.S. citizens to maintain valid travel documents and enroll with the Department of State through the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad regularly should monitor 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.

Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well. You can also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips. 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 United States and Canada, or outside the United States and Canada on 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).