



## **Emergency Messages for U.S. Citizens: Copenhagen (Denmark), Demonstrations Planned Near U.S. Embassy (August 17)** Riots/Civil Unrest

Europe > Denmark > Copenhagen

8/17/2012

The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens on Friday, August 17th, from 1700 hrs onward there will be a demonstration at Kristianiagade 5 expected to last approximately one hour. The demonstration is to express support for the Russian punk rock band that was found guilty of "hooliganism" in Moscow today. We anticipate the size of the protest to be roughly 30 to 50 people.

There is no indication the demonstration will be violent. However, even demonstrations intended to be peaceful may become confrontational and escalate into violence. Police will be present during the demonstration.

While these events are not expected to be violent, large gatherings can cause significant traffic disruptions. U.S. citizens should be mindful of the possibility for counter-demonstrations and spontaneous protests to appear throughout Denmark, as well as a larger-than-usual police presence at these demonstrations. Please note the following guidance from the U.S. Department of State's Country-Specific Information Sheet for the Denmark: "U.S. citizens should avoid all public demonstrations, whether properly authorized by local officials or not, and avoid any large crowds and public gatherings that lack enhanced security measures."

Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security. For additional information, please refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad."

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens and nationals traveling to or residing in Denmark enroll in the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Enrollment gives you access to updated information about areas abroad and makes it easier for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate to reach you or your designated contact in case of an emergency.

You can get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs web site, where you can find the Worldwide Caution and current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have Internet access, you can call



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. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can follow us on Twitter and Facebook as well. You can also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark is located on Dag Hammarskjölds Allé 24, 2100 København Ø (+45) 33 41 71 00. The local number for police, ambulance, or fire officials is 112. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is (+45) 33 41 74 00.