



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Windhoek (Namibia), Criminal Activity in Waldorf School/Avis Dam Areas

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This security message is to alert U.S. citizens to increased criminal activity in the Waldorf School/Avis Dam areas.

Police have confirmed media reporting of small groups of men using physical violence to rob pedestrians and cyclists in the Waldorf School/Avis Dam areas of Windhoek. The U.S. Embassy urges you to stay vigilant, and limit your risk while in these areas by travelling in groups and always being aware of your surroundings.

An uptick in residential crimes in Windhoek has also been reported. Please lock your doors and windows and use alarm systems to mitigate your risk at home.

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Namibia are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) through the State Department's travel website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> to obtain updated information on travel and security within Namibia. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Namibia is located at 14 Lossen Street, Ausspannplatz, Windhoek, telephone (264-61) 295-8500, fax (264-61) 295-8603. For emergencies involving U.S. citizens in Namibia, contact the Embassy's consular section at (264-61) 295-8522, or via e-mail at consularwindho@state.gov. For after-hours emergencies, dial (264-81)127-4384.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Windhoek web site (<http://windhoek.usembassy.gov/>). You can 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 Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates--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 federal holidays).