



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Tripoli (Libya) Attack on Consulate in Benghazi

Riots/Civil Unrest

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Please be advised that the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi was attacked this evening. We strongly encourage all American citizens to take appropriate precautions as the security situation in Libya is volatile. Review your personal safety plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

The U.S. Embassy in Tripoli will be closed Wednesday, September 12, 2012.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Libya enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at www.Travel.State.Gov. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the embassy or nearest consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the Department's website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, (including the warning for Libya), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for Libya. For additional information, refer to A Safe Trip Abroad

Contact the embassy or for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for U.S. Embassy Tripoli is 218 91 220 5203.