



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Paris (France) and Monaco, Attacks on U.S. Embassies and Consulates on September 11, 2012

Riots/Civil Unrest

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Given recent events in Libya, Yemen, and Egypt, the U.S. Mission to France and Monaco encourages all U.S. Citizens living in or visiting France and Monaco to review their personal security measures and adjust those measures as appropriate.

Although at this time there is no credible or specific threat to U.S. Citizens in France or Monaco or our diplomatic staff and facilities, a periodic reassessment and adjustment of your security habits and practices is always a good idea. We encourage all U.S. Citizens in France and Monaco to exercise common sense security measures. Be especially cautious if you must enter areas where you may be easily identified as a target of crime or violence. These include crowded subways, train stations, elevators, tourist sites, market places, festivals, and crime-ridden neighborhoods. Avoid public demonstrations and other civil disturbances.

If at any time you feel threatened or in danger, please call the French authorities immediately by dialing 1-1-2 for emergency service response from French police, rescue, and fire departments.

The State Department issued a Worldwide Caution on July 18, and we would like to take this opportunity to remind U.S. Citizens in France and Monaco that the U.S. government remains concerned about the continued threat of terrorist attacks, demonstrations, and other violent actions against U.S. Citizens and interests overseas.

Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, monitor local news stations for updates, and report specific incidences of violence targeting U.S. Citizens to the U.S. Embassy in Paris at the numbers below. 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 traveling to or residing in France and Monaco to enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. 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, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for France and Monaco. Contact the embassy 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.

The U.S. Embassy in Paris is located on Avenue Gabriel near the Place de la Concorde, and is open from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. If you are a U.S. Citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the Embassy is (33) (0)1 43 12 22 22.