



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Taiwan, Possible Demonstrations September 21

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On Thursday, September 20, the American Institute in Taiwan issued the following message informing U.S. citizens of possible demonstrations on Friday, September 21, 2012.

Demonstrations are possible in the vicinity of the American Institute in Taiwan and the Grand Mosque (Xinsheng South Road, Section 2, No. 62) on the afternoon of Friday September 21, 2012. Demonstrations may also occur on Sunday, September 23, 2012 at the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Hall on Guangfu South Road, continue on Zhongxiao East Road Section 4 before turning onto Fuxing South Road Section 1, Fuxing North Road, Chang Chung Road and end at the Japan Interchange Association on Qing Cheng Street #28. U.S. citizens should remain cautious and avoid areas where large gatherings may occur. Even demonstrations or events intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence.

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates if needed. U.S. citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

The Department of State remains concerned about the threat of violence against U.S. citizens and interests throughout the world. U.S. citizens are reminded to maintain a high level of vigilance, to be aware of their surroundings and to take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness. For additional information on maintaining a discreet profile, please refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad".

U.S. citizens are advised to maintain valid travel documents and enroll with the Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). When you enroll in STEP, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. Enrolling will also make it easier for the Embassy to contact you in the event of an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date; it is particularly important when you enroll or update your information to include a current phone number and e-mail address.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or a regular toll line at +1-202-501-4444 for callers 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). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution, by "following" the Bureau of Consular Affairs on Twitter and "liking" the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook.



Please continue to monitor the American Institute in Taiwan's website for updated information. Please consult the Country Specific Information for Taiwan, available on the Bureau of Consular Affairs website.

For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services Unit of the American Institute in Taiwan. The location of the AIT Taipei office is No. 7, Lane 134, Sec. 3, XinYi Road, Da-an District, Taipei City 10659; telephone (02) 2162-2000; fax (02) 2162-2239; email [amcit-ait-t@state.gov](mailto:amcit-ait-t@state.gov); after hours emergency (02)2162-2000; website <http://acs.ait.org.tw/>.

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