



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Perth (Australia), Possible Demonstrations

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Sydney law enforcement authorities have advised of possible anti-American demonstrations in Sydney for Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23. U.S. citizens should avoid Sydney's Hyde Park and its perimeter area and Martin Place on both Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23. Previous demonstrations in Sydney on September 15, 2012 occurred in Martin Place and Hyde Park and turned violent.

Melbourne law enforcement authorities have also advised of possible anti-American protests in downtown Melbourne on Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23. Should they occur, U.S. citizens should avoid the immediate demonstration areas.

Perth law enforcement authorities have advised of possible demonstrations in Perth for Sunday, September 23. U.S. citizens should avoid Perth's King's Park, the area around Parliament House, Forrest Place, and Hyde Park.

Fast-forming anti-American protests in Australia remain possible. U.S. citizens should in all cases avoid any political demonstrations that may develop and continue to monitor the Australian media and Consulate messages to obtain the latest information. In the event an anti-American demonstration develops, U.S. citizens should leave the area promptly.

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. The U.S. Consulate General has advised its staff members to avoid attracting attention to themselves as U.S. citizens. For additional information on maintaining a discreet profile, please refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad".

U.S. government facilities worldwide remain at a heightened state of alert. These facilities may temporarily close or periodically suspend public services to assess their security posture. In those instances, U.S. embassies and consulates will make every effort to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens abroad are urged to monitor the local news



and maintain contact with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

The Department of State encourages U.S. citizens living overseas or planning to travel abroad to enroll in the 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.

The Consulate General will continue to monitor the information it receives and will provide updates as needed.