



## **Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Chiang Mai (Thailand), Possible Demonstrations Outside U.S. Consulate**

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The U.S. Consulate General in Chiang Mai, Thailand, has just been informed by local authorities of a possible demonstration outside the Consulate General during the afternoon of Friday, September 21, which may disrupt traffic in the area. Consequently, the Consular Section of the Consulate General will be closed to the public after 12:00 on September 21. Routine U.S. Citizen Services will not be available. Emergency Services to U.S. citizens will continue to be available by calling (66) 053-107700.

The U.S. Consulate General in Chiang Mai is not aware at this time of any specific threat to U.S. citizens in the consular district. As a general precaution, the U.S. Consulate General advises you to exercise caution and to be aware of your surroundings, particularly around large crowds or gatherings. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence with little or no warning. You should avoid areas that may be targeted for demonstrations and exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations or large gatherings. You should monitor local media to keep updated with the latest information about demonstrations and areas to avoid.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the U.S. Consulate General at (66) 053-107700 or visit the U.S. Citizens Service website at <http://chiangmai.usconsulate.gov>. We will post the most updated information on the website.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Thailand enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at <http://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 of State's website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for Thailand. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad."

Contact the US Embassy in Bangkok or Consulate General Chiang Mai 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.