



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Managua (Nicaragua), Taxi Strikes (October 1

Riots/Civil Unrest

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This message is to alert U.S. citizens to demonstrations occurring in Managua. Local media and law enforcement report that taxi drivers are blocking roads and major traffic circles (rotondas) without advance notice to protest the proliferation of bicycle taxis and motorcycle taxis in the capital. Activity is reported in, but not limited to, the areas near the Metrocentro, Periodista and Cristo Rey rotondas, the area near City Hall and the Huembes Market. The situation is fluid and is subject to change without warning. The demonstrations have included road blocks, firing of mortars, and there have been reports of demonstrators removing passengers from taxis not participating in the strike. U.S citizens are reminded that demonstrations have the potential to become confrontational and violent. Do not attempt to drive through any barricade encountered on the street.

Activities observed during past demonstrations in Nicaragua include, but are not limited to, the use of tear gas, rubber bullets, fireworks, rock-throwing, tire burning, road blocks, bus/vehicle burning and physical violence between members of rival groups.

U.S. citizens traveling to or already in Nicaragua are reminded to maintain a high level of vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness. Even demonstrations that are meant to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable. It is advisable that you avoid them if at all possible. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to reports in local news media.

The U.S. Embassy in Managua is located at Km 5 ½ C. Sur Managua, Nicaragua. The U.S. Embassy in Managua can be reached 24/7 at 011-505-2252-7100. For emergencies (deaths, arrests, etc.) after hours, U.S. citizens can call this phone number and ask for the Embassy Duty Officer. The ACS unit is also available by email at ACS.Managua@state.gov

General information regarding consular services is available by calling 011-505-2252-7104. Routine services such as passports and notarial services require an appointment; you can schedule an appointment on-line <https://evisaforms.state.gov/acs/default.asp?postcode=MNG&appcode=1> . In case of an



emergency please call 2252-7100.

For the latest security information, Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs' website, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "A Safe Trip Abroad", which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.