



## **Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo)**

### **Official Personnel Leaving Goma**

Political Violence; Travel Health and Safety

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The U.S. Embassy alerts U.S. citizens that, in light of the increase in security-related incidents in and around Goma, the Embassy has instructed U.S. government personnel on temporary duty to Goma to depart the city. The Embassy has also temporarily suspended all visits by U.S. officials to North Kivu province, including Goma, until the Embassy can further assess the security situation. The Department of State continues to recommend avoiding all travel to Goma and North Kivu province.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Kinshasa web site. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warning, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook; or you can download our free Smart Traveler App for iPhone or Android to have travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, you may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or on a regular toll line at 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).

If you are going to live in or travel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa is located at 310 Avenue des Aviateurs, tel. +243-081-225-5872 (Do not dial the zero when calling from abroad). The Consular Section of the Embassy may be reached at tel. +243-081-884-6859 or +243-081-884-4609 and is open Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



For after-hours emergencies, U.S. citizens should call 081-556-0151 and ask to speak with the duty officer.