



## **Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Caracas (Venezuela), Scheduled Presidential Elections (October 7)** Elections; Riots/Civil Unrest

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Venezuela's presidential election will be held this Sunday, October 7. U.S. citizens residing or traveling in Venezuela are advised to exercise caution during the next few days. While the campaign has generally been peaceful, incidents of violence have occurred. U.S. citizens are advised to avoid political gatherings and demonstrations. We also encourage U.S. citizens to limit travel within the country on election day and in the days before and after the election.

Please consult <http://caracas.usembassy.gov/emergency-preparedness.html> and review the "Emergency Preparedness" information list in the text. Items on hand should include a flashlight and extra batteries, cash for emergency purchases, prescription medications, and a charged cellular telephone. Ensure also that your car has adequate fuel.

Monitor local news and practice good personal security measures. If your school or employer has a security or emergency preparedness plan, please be sure to familiarize yourself with its content and otherwise have a plan in place to ensure your and your family's safety. Be aware that from 6:00 a.m. Saturday, October 5, to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8 many shops and public places will be closed, or open limited hours, and many staple items will be difficult to get.

If there are changes to the assessment of the overall situation during the weekend, the Embassy will post updated information in messages to American citizens. In addition, a further assessment will follow on Tuesday, October 9.

U.S. citizens living in Venezuela are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Venezuela. If you are receiving this message, then you are registered with the Embassy. Please pass this information on to any U.S. citizens who may not be registered.