



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Accra (Ghana), Chemical Leak near Kumasi

Other Threat / Incident

Africa > Ghana > Accra

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An incident at a warehouse used to repackage agro-chemical products near Kumasi has produced significant smoke, a pungent stench, potential negative health effects, and a possible explosion of chemical agents, according to multiple media reports. The Ghanaian Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is advising residents to move away from the area of Atwima-Boko, and to contact poison control (Tel: (233)30-2238-626) if they are feeling ill. The Embassy advises those with respiratory issues and small children in particular to avoid the area while Ghanaian authorities investigate the situation.

U.S. citizens in the region are advised to monitor local conditions closely, to avoid the area of the incident while the smell persists, and to follow the instructions and guidance of local officials.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Ghana web site (<http://ghana.usembassy.gov/>). You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1124.html). If you don't have internet access, 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.

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If you are going to live in or travel to Ghana please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP - <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>). 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 Ghana (<http://ghana.usembassy.gov/>) is located on No. 24, Fourth Circular Rd., Cantonments, Accra; mailing address: P.O. Box 194 Cantonments, Accra, Ghana. The Embassy telephone number is (233) 30-2741-000. The Embassy fax number is (233) 30-2741-389.

For after-hours emergencies, U.S. citizens should call (233) 30-2741-775 and ask to speak with the duty officer.

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