



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Accra (Ghana), Demonstrations Over Election Results

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The Embassy advises U.S. citizens of escalating tensions and the potential for political violence associated with the anticipated announcement of election results in Ghana. The Embassy is aware of multiple media reports of clashes between opposition supporters and Ghanaian security forces in the vicinity of the Electoral Commission headquarters in the Ridge neighborhood of Accra.

The Embassy reminds U.S. citizens in Ghana to maintain a high level of vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase their security/safety awareness during this time. The Embassy recommends that U.S. citizens in Ghana stay in a safe location during this period of heightened political tension. U.S. citizens in Ghana should avoid the offices of political parties, the buildings of other institutions associated with the elections, and all political rallies. We recommend that U.S. citizens in Ghana monitor the local news and avoid all demonstrations, as even those intended to be peaceful may suddenly turn violent. 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

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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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