



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Tirana (Albania), Attack on U.S. Embassy Ankara

Terrorism

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U.S. Embassy Tirana reminds U.S. citizens to be aware of their personal safety and security following the February 1, attack on U.S. Embassy Ankara, Turkey. In light of this attack on a nearby U.S. diplomatic mission, we urge all U.S. citizens to maintain elevated personal security practices and situational awareness.

Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high-level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security and follow instructions of local authorities.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Albania to enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State Department's website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, the Worldwide Caution, and the Country Specific Information for Albania. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad."

Contact the U.S. embassy for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within 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.

The U.S. Embassy in Tirana is located at Rruga Elbasanit, Nr. 103 in Tirana, Albania and is open to the public by appointment on Monday through Thursday from 13:15 to 15:15. You can schedule a non-emergency appointment by visiting our American Citizen Services



website. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is +355-(0)4-224-7285.