



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Paris (France), Large Demonstration in Paris on Sunday, January 11, 2015

Riots/Civil Unrest

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The Embassy informs U.S. citizens that there will be a silent march in Paris on Sunday, January 11 in solidarity against this week's terrorist attacks in the city. The event will begin at 3:00pm at the Place de la République and is expected to pass by the Boulevard Voltaire, the Bastille, and finally, Avenue Philippe Auguste, before terminating at the Place de la Nation. According to media reports, over one million participants are expected.

An increased police and security presence is anticipated, and given the high number of participants, disruptions to traffic circulation and public transportation systems may occur.

At times, even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. Please stay current with media coverage of local and regional events.

U.S. Mission personnel have been advised to continue to practice personal security awareness and we advise the U.S. citizen community to do the same. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to exercise vigilance if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens travelling or residing in France enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)

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at <http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=www.Travel.state.gov>. 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, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country. For additional information, refer to the "Traveler's Checklist" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. 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 to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Paris is located at 4, avenue Gabriel, 75382, Paris Cedex 08 and is open from 9:00am to 6:00pm on weekdays, 01 43 12 22 22. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, outside of business hours, you may reach the Embassy Duty Officer via the above number.

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