



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Dublin (Ireland), Security in Europe

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The U.S. Embassy in Dublin reminds U.S. citizens that U.S. and European authorities continue to warn of possible terrorist attacks in Europe, citing repeated threats by terror groups. As we approach the end of 2015, the U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens of our Worldwide Travel Alert that urges travelers to exercise particular caution during the holiday season and at holiday festivals or events, including Christmas markets. Be aware of immediate surroundings and avoid large crowds or crowded places.

Some European governments have decided to re-establish border controls. Travelers may expect delays due to heightened security measures at airports and train stations. We encourage travelers to contact transport companies for the latest information and to arrive at airports and train stations early.

All U.S. visitors or residents in Ireland should be aware of their local security situation, and take appropriate steps to bolster their personal security. There is a continuing threat in Europe from persons planning attacks inspired by major terrorist organizations but conducted on an individual basis.

U.S. citizens are encouraged to monitor media and local information sources and factor updated information into personal travel plans and activities. Specific safety concerns should be addressed to Irish law enforcement authorities who are responsible for the safety of all visitors to Ireland.

For further information:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Ireland Country Specific Information.

Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

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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 and download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips. The U.S. Embassy is located at 42 Elgin Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland. Our telephone number is +353 1 630 6200. In an emergency, the Embassy may be contacted at +353 1 668 9612 after hours and on weekends – please follow the prompts to reach an operator. The fax number for the American Citizen Services Unit is +353 1 668 8056. E-mail queries may be sent to the American Citizen Services Unit at ACSDublin@state.gov.

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