



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Mbabane (Swaziland), Gov't Office Protest

Riots/Civil Unrest

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A group of more than 100 protestors are marching from the government administrative offices located on Sozisa Road opposite the Swazi Plaza in Mbabane towards Coronation Park. Swazi police with riot gear and armored vehicles are in the immediate area of the protestors and outside the U.S. Embassy. The Embassy recommends that all individuals avoid travel to this part of Mbabane until the protest concludes.

You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

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.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Swaziland enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at [travel.state.gov](http://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 Specific Information for (Name of Country). For additional information, refer to the "Traveler's Checklist" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. Embassy 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.

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The U.S. Embassy in Mbabane is located at the Central Bank Building, Mahlokohla Street and is open 7:30-5:00, and can be reached at 268-2404-6441. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is 268-7602-8414.**

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