



Travel Alert: Niger

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The U.S. Department of State alerts U.S. citizens residing in or traveling to Niger to the upcoming presidential and legislative elections scheduled for February 21 through March 20. U.S. citizens are reminded of the risks of travel to Niger and urged to exercise caution while traveling within Niger during the election season. This Travel Alert expires on April 16, 2016. Spontaneous civil disruptions and demonstrations are expected to occur throughout the country during the election period. Terrorist groups may also take advantage of this period to target election related events.

U.S. citizens in Niger should remain vigilant and utilize appropriate personal security practices. Avoid political rallies, campaign events, polling stations, demonstrations, protests, and other large gatherings in the weeks before and after elections; maintain situational awareness and exercise good judgment; stay alert and aware of your surroundings at all times; and stay abreast of the situation through media outlets.

For further information:

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

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

Contact the U.S. Embassy in Niamey, Rue des Ambassades, Niamey, Niger, at +227-20-72-26-61, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +227-99-49-90-66.

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