



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Cotonou (Benin), Expected Land Border Closure to Elections on March 6

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The U.S. Embassy would like to inform U.S. citizens that Beninese land borders are expected to be closed from Sunday, March 6 at 12:00 AM until Monday, March 7 at 06:00 AM due to the presidential elections taking place on March 6. The Government of Benin routinely closes land borders the day of national elections. Please travel accordingly and reconfirm travel reservations with transport operators.

Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Avoid areas of demonstrations and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings or protests.

For further information:

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

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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Cotonou. The U.S. Embassy in Cotonou is located on Marina Boulevard and is open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Embassy's mailing address is 01 BP 2012, Cotonou, Benin. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is (229) 21-30-06-50.**

Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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