



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Niamey (Niger), Increase Vigilance during the Election Season

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The U.S. Embassy urges U.S. citizens to avoid large gatherings during the election period; maintain situational awareness and exercise good judgment; stay alert; be aware of your surroundings at all times, and stay abreast of ongoing events through media outlets. Spontaneous civil disruptions, including demonstrations, may occur throughout the elections period with little or no advance warning throughout Niger. Terrorist groups may also take advantage of this period to target election related events.

U.S. citizens should review and follow the guidance in the Travel Warning for Niger and remain alert for potentially dangerous situations. Citizens should take extra precautions when frequenting places where westerners congregate such as restaurants, bars, nightclubs, and grocery stores. Large public gatherings may take place at mosques and churches. Maintain awareness of your surroundings at all times. Pay particular attention to the number of other westerners in your location and identify possible egress routes in the event of an emergency. U.S. citizens should maintain vigilance in their daily affairs even when visiting familiar locations.

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.

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

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