



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), Vigilance and Travel within Burkina Faso

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On March 15 the U.S. Department of Defense issued a travel advisory that places restrictions on unofficial, i.e., personal, travel by Department of Defense personnel to Senegal, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and Guinea until June 30, 2016. These restrictions only apply to active duty and civilian employees of the Department of Defense.

However, please note the Department of State-issued travel warning for Burkina Faso remains in effect. The Travel Warning warns U.S. citizens of the risks of travel to the country and specifically informs them that the U.S. Embassy has placed restrictions on official government travel to Dori, Djibo, the road that connects these cities, and all areas north of that road, as well as Parc National du W (Parc W), the regional national park located on Burkina Faso's southeastern border with Niger and Benin. U.S. citizens are encouraged to follow this same guidance.

The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens the importance of practicing good security habits, to be aware of your surroundings, and to remain vigilant at all times.

For further information:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Burkina Faso Country Specific Information. Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an

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Contact the U.S. Embassy

Ouagadougou, in Ouaga 2000, Sector 15, on Avenue Sembene Ousmane, southeast of the Monument aux Héros Nationaux, at (+226) 25-49-53-00, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday. If you are a U.S. citizen in an emergency situation after normal Embassy operating hours, please contact the Embassy, dial "1," and ask to be connected to the duty officer.

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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