



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Paris (France), Strikes in France on April 5

Transportation Security; Aviation; Political Violence

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Several unions nationwide have called on their workers to again strike in protest of the government's proposed reforms to the labor law.

Multiple national unions have called for country-wide strikes on Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

Affected sectors include:

Public education and schools;
Postal system;
Aviation;
Waste removal;
Public transport; and,
Rail services.

Given transportation difficulties, reaching airports and train stations may take

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longer than usual. Lines are likely to be long. There could be resulting delays to trains and flights throughout France. Travelers are advised to have their tickets in hand and to allow extra time if traveling on Wednesday.

Please

consult various sources of local information as you prepare your plans for Tuesday, including local TV stations and websites (to include BFMTV, *Le Parisien*, and France24), as well as:

RATP

– Paris local transport system – for information on metros, buses, and RER lines:

<http://www.ratp.fr/informer/trafic/trafic.php>

Transilien

– for Paris region transport:

<http://www.transilien.com/info-trafic/temps-reel>

SNCF

– for national and regional rail travel – input the # of your train and find out whether it will run or not:

<http://www.sncf.com/fr/horaires-info-trafic>

Twitter

feeds for your particular metro and/or RER line(s) are always very helpful, as are the Twitter feeds of the Paris Prefecture de Police (#prefpolice) and Aéroports de Paris (#AeroportsParis), the latter of which also provides information on traffic conditions to/from CDG and Orly airports. If you live outside of Paris, consult your local transport systems and news sources, or search “greve 5 avril” in Twitter for updates.

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Embassy reminds U.S. citizens that demonstrations and large events intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational. Avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Large public gatherings can affect all major incoming arteries to the city in which they occur. Demonstrations in one city have the potential to lead to additional public rallies or demonstrations in other locations around the city and country.

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strongly encourage U.S. citizens to maintain a high level of vigilance, be aware of local events, and take the appropriate steps to bolster their personal security. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to access local media to stay abreast of developments, avoid demonstrations, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

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