



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Riga (Latvia), May 8-9 Events in Riga

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The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens that large organized gatherings are scheduled to take place in Victory Park on Sunday, May 8th, from approximately 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Monday, May 9th, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Additionally, a small march from the junction of Slokas Iela and Kalnciema Iela to the Victory Memorial is scheduled for Monday, May 9th, from approximately 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Though the U.S. Embassy expects the gatherings will be non-violent in nature, local police will be on hand to monitor the situation.

U.S. citizens are reminded that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

For further information:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Country Specific Information for Latvia. For additional information, refer to the "Traveler's Checklist" on the State Department's website.

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Contact the U.S. Embassy in Latvia, located at 1 Samnera Velsa Street, Riga, LV 1510, at +371 6710 7000, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +371 6710 7000. The Embassy website is <http://riga.usembassy.gov>.

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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