



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Caracas (Venezuela), Protests, May 18, 2016

Riots/Civil Unrest

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A political rally is expected to take place today, Wednesday, May 18, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The location of the demonstration has been identified as beginning at Plaza Venezuela/Calle Bogota and ending at Plaza Diego Ibarra. A police/security force presence has already been established in the area. It is reasonable to expect traffic disruptions in and around these locations. Citizens should take steps to avoid the area of the protest and personally monitor traffic reports and local news for the latest information.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

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

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 Venezuela, located at Calle F con Calle Surapure, Lomas de Valle Arriba, at +58 212-975-6411 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is 0212-907-8400.

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