



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Kyiv (Ukraine), Kyiv Equality March

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The U.S. Embassy in Kyiv informs U.S. citizens that the Kyiv Equality March will be held on Sunday, June 12, the culmination of a week-long series of events dedicated to diversity and LGBT issues. The march is expected to begin at 10:00 a.m. at Shevchenko Park and last approximately one hour. During the time of the march, you should expect and plan for possibly extended street and metro station closures around Shevchenko Park and surrounding areas.

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. Opposition groups have expressed a desire to disrupt this event, and there is a possibility of unexpected public disorder and violence. In response, security authorities have advised that there will be an expanded and strong police presence during the march. Accordingly, U.S. citizens are reminded to always cooperate and comply with instructions from local law enforcement. The embassy advises those who choose to participate to remain on the perimeter of crowds and identify exit routes should problems occur.

For more information:

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

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- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, located at 4 A.I. Sikorsky St. (formerly Tankova), Kyiv, Ukraine, open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., at +380-44-521-5566. **The after-hours emergency number for the U.S. citizens is +380-44-521-5000.**
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