



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Sofia (Bulgaria), Pride Parade on Saturday, June 18, 2016

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U.S. Embassy Sofia informs U.S. citizens that on Saturday, June 18, 2016 the Pride Parade will take place from 17:00-21:00. The participants will gather at the Monument to the Soviet Army and march along the following route:

Soviet Army Monument (backside) - Vasil Levski Blvd. – Sofia University – Vasil Levski Monument – Dondukov Blvd. – Council of Ministers – Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd. - Military Club - Parliament – Vasil Levski Blvd. – Soviet Army Monument (backside).

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Avoid areas where demonstrations are taking place and exercise caution when in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Be vigilant 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 *Bulgaria Country Specific Information*.

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Contact the U.S. Embassy in Bulgaria, located at 16, Kozyak St., Sofia 1408, at (+359 2) 937-5100. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance call (+359 2) 937-5101.

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