



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Amsterdam (The Netherlands), European Athletics Championships July 6-10

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The U.S. Consulate Amsterdam would like to inform the public that Amsterdam will be host to a grand sporting event as Europe's very best track and field stars come to Amsterdam's for the **European Athletics Championships from 6th to 10th July 2016**.

Venues for this event will include both the Museumplein and Olympic Stadium, where 1300 athletes from 50 countries will compete for gold in one of the 44 track and field disciplines. This is the first time that the European Athletics Championships, held every two years throughout Europe, have come to Amsterdam.

This event is expected to draw very large crowds and police will be present throughout the City of Amsterdam during the events. We expect these events will be peaceful; however, visitors to Amsterdam are reminded to exercise an appropriate level of security and situational awareness and be extra vigilant if attending parties and venues related to this event. Previous events of this kind draw large crowds and, at times, have drawn an increase in public disorder and pickpocketing. Additionally, due to the half-marathon that will be held on Sunday, 10 July, 2016, there will be additional road closures and traffic delays in and around the Amsterdam region.

Please refer to the following link for additional information regarding the European Athletics Championships in Amsterdam:

<http://www.iamsterdam.com/en/visiting/what-to-do/active/sports-calendar/european-athletics-championships>

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General security information

U.S. citizens in the Netherlands are reminded, in general, that if at any time you feel threatened or in danger, please call the Dutch authorities immediately by dialing 1-1-2 for emergency service response from Dutch police, rescue, and fire departments.

For further information:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Netherlands Country Specific Information. 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. Consulate General in the Netherlands, located at Museumplein 19, 1071 DJ, Amsterdam, at +31 (0)20 575-5309, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +31 (0)70 310-2209.

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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