



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Tallinn (Estonia), Tallinn Airport Bomb Threat

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The U.S. Embassy in Tallinn informs U.S. citizens of a reported bomb threat of unknown credibility affecting Tallinn Airport. Police and airport security have made the appropriate responses, however the threat is ongoing.

Media reported, and police confirmed, that an English speaker claiming to be a member of Daesh (the Arabic language acronym for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL) called the airport to reveal plans to blow up a plane in route from Tallinn to Germany. The caller indicated that the attack would occur this week. The call had an Estonian number and came from within Estonia.

Airport operations are functioning with minimal delays at this time, including flights to Germany. However, the airport is on higher alert and extra security checks have been put in place for passengers departing to Germany. Anyone with plans to pass through Tallinn Airport in the near future should expect a greater police presence and an increase in security checks.

U.S. Citizens should:

- Exercise vigilance when in public places or using mass transportation.

- Be aware of immediate surroundings and avoid crowded places.

- Follow the instructions of local authorities, especially in an emergency.

- Monitor media and local event information sources and factor updated information into your travel plans and activities.

- Be prepared for additional security screening and unexpected disruptions.

- Stay in touch with your family, have a plan if you are separated and ensure they know to

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reach you in the event of an emergency.

For further information about security in Estonia:

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

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 Estonia, located at Kentmanni 20, Tallinn at +372-668-8128, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +372 509-2129, or if there is no answer, please call +372-668-8169. Inquiries about American citizen services provided by the Embassy's Consular Section may be directed to ACSTallinn@state.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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