



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: (Tbilisi) Georgia, Recent Reports of Sexual Assault

Rape/Sexual Violence

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U.S. Embassy Tbilisi informs U.S. citizens that it has recently received several reports from victims of harassment and sexual assault in Tbilisi. Reported incidents have included verbal harassment and intimidating advances, unwanted touching and groping, and sexual assault, including rape. It does not appear that victims were targeted because they were U.S. citizens, but rather targets of opportunity. The reported incidents occurred in several Tbilisi neighborhoods, including the Vake neighborhood, on a trail around Lisi Lake, and in taxis. The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security, remain aware of your surroundings, and be aware of the risk of sexual assault while traveling. Use marked, registered taxis, and consider sitting in the back seat rather than the front. When possible, avoid traveling alone in secluded or unfamiliar areas. Keep your mobile phone charged and with you at all times, and, if you are the victim of an attempted assault or feel threatened, contact the local police emergency number by dialing 112.

For further information about security in Georgia:

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

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