



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Violent Demonstrations Amhara and Oromia Region

Political Violence

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The U.S. Embassy wishes to inform U.S. citizens that protests in Ethiopia have resulted in violent clashes between demonstrators and government security forces. As such, Embassy personnel have been restricted from personal travel to areas in the Amhara and Oromia region states. Restrictions of future travel by Embassy personnel are being reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

While U.S. citizens have not been specifically targeted in the demonstrations, the unpredictability of protests presents significant risks for travelers to the affected regions. Everyone should increase their level of situational awareness, continuously assess their surroundings, and evaluate their personal level of safety and avoid demonstrations or large gatherings.

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.

For further information:

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

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 Addis Ababa**, located at Entoto Street, P.O. Box 1014, by email at **consacs@state.gov**, or at +251-11-130-6000 Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For after-hours emergencies, U.S. citizens should call +251-11-130-6911 or 011-130-6000 and ask to speak with the duty officer.

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