



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: La Paz (Bolivia), Road Blocks in Bolivia

Riots/Civil Unrest

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The U.S. Embassy in La Paz has received multiple reports that groups of protesting miners are blocking main roads and highways throughout Bolivia. These protests may continue to impact ground transportation throughout the country. The blocked roads and highways include popular tourist routes to/from Lake Titicaca and the salt flats in Uyuni. If you plan to travel by car or bus in Bolivia, carry extra food and water and be prepared for significant travel delays.

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 and monitor local media for updates.

For further information:

- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and *Bolivia 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. Embassy in Bolivia, located at 2780 Arce Avenue in La Paz, at +591-2-216-8246 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +591-2-216-8500.
- Contact the U.S. Consular Agency in Santa Cruz, located at Radial Castilla, S/N, Across from the Colegio Santo Tomás playing field, at +591-3-351-3477 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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