



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Harare (Zimbabwe), Potential for Civil Disturbance

Riots/Civil Unrest

Africa > Zimbabwe > Harare

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The U.S. Embassy Harare notifies U.S. citizens of an MDC-T youth March planned for this morning, Wednesday, August 24th at 10:00 am local time in the Harare Central Business District (starting at the corner of Jason Moyo Ave. and Julius Nyerere Street). The expected route is along Nelson Mandela - along 4th Street- ending at the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Zimbabwe Republic Police (Anti-riot units with water cannon vehicles) are prepared to counter the protest, and the potential for violence is likely.

Should you encounter a civil disturbance or demonstration, immediately leave the area. If you come upon a demonstration and must pass, give the event a very wide berth and avoid becoming involved in any way. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Zimbabwe enroll in the **Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)** at [www.Travel.State.Gov](http://www.Travel.State.Gov). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

We also recommend that you regularly monitor the State **Department's website**, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the **Country Specific Information for Zimbabwe**. For additional information, refer to the "**Traveler's Checklist**" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444

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from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on **Twitter** and **Facebook** to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Harare is located at 172 Herbert Chitepo Avenue and is open Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm and Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm. You may call +263 4 250 593 if you have any issues or questions regarding this message. You may also contact the Consular Section at **ConsularHarare@state.gov**. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is +263 772 559 727 or send a WhatsApp text on +263 772 124 896.

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