



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) Update to Ongoing Security Situation

Other Threat / Incident

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8/31/2016

An explosion occurred at the Chinese Embassy at approximately 9:35, August 30, 2016. Media information indicates that the explosion may have been the result of a terrorist attack. Multiple casualties have been reported.

The shelter in place order has been lifted for U.S. Embassy employees, however we strongly urge U.S. citizens to maintain a high level of vigilance, monitor local media and U.S. Embassy social media sites for updates, and exercise extreme caution in the vicinity of the explosion. Please note the area of the explosion was close to the U.S. Embassy.

The U.S. Embassy would like to remind U.S. citizens to avoid large gatherings and exercise caution in the areas of demonstrations or protests, as even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence.

The Embassy will reopen for appointments as scheduled on Thursday morning. We will send additional information as necessary.

### **For further information:**

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Kyrgyzstan 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 Kyrgyzstan, located at 171 Prospect Mira, Bishkek 720016, at +(996) (312) 59 7000, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency

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