



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Paris (France), Terrorist Threat in France

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In the wake of recent arrests of terror suspects in Paris, the U.S. Embassy in Paris, France reminds U.S. citizens that credible information suggests that ISIL and other terrorist groups continue to plan terrorist attacks in France, as detailed in the Department's Worldwide Caution. We strongly urge U.S. citizens to be aware of local events and take appropriate steps to bolster their personal security. There is a continuing threat in Europe from unaffiliated persons planning attacks inspired by major terrorist organizations but conducted on an individual basis.

U.S. citizens should exercise vigilance in public transportation systems, high-profile sporting events and concerts, residential areas, offices, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, schools, public areas, shopping malls, and other tourist destinations.

U.S. citizens are encouraged to monitor media and local information sources and factor updated information into personal travel plans and activities. For up-to-date information on security developments in France, U.S. citizens should enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Specific safety concerns should be addressed to French law enforcement authorities who have responsibility for the safety and security of all visitors to France.

The French Government continues to operate under a state of emergency, which was extended in the wake of the Bastille Day attack in Nice. The state of emergency allows the government to prevent the circulation of individuals and to create zones of protection and security. There are reinforced security measures throughout France. These allow for house arrest of any person whose activities are deemed dangerous, the closure of theaters and meeting places, the surrender of weapons, and the possibility of administrative house searches.

For further information about security in France:

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- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and France 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 Paris, located at 2 Avenue Gabriel 75008 Paris, at +(33)(1) 43-12-22-22 or by email at Citizeninfo@state.gov. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +(33)(1) 43-12-22-22.
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