



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Belgrade (Serbia), Belgrade Pride Parade

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U.S. Embassy Belgrade informs U.S. citizens that the Belgrade Pride Parade will be held in downtown Belgrade from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18, 2016. The parade will start at Slavija Square and proceed down Kralja Milana Street and Terazije, continue through Kolarceva Street, and end at Republic Square. A concert at Republic Square is scheduled to follow the parade. A heavy police presence is expected in downtown Belgrade on Sunday. U.S. citizens should plan for road closures and other transportation disruptions in central Belgrade on Sunday.

While the Pride Parade has been held in recent years with little violence, there were incidents of violence directed against participants before, during, and after the 2010 Pride Parade, including attacks at transportation hubs and other gathering places with fewer police present.

Opponents of the parade have planned counter protests. The organization Zavetnici announced an anti-Pride march on Friday, September 16, at 4:00 p.m. that will start at St. Sava church and end near Orthodox Cathedral. Political party Dveri announced a march on Saturday, September 17, that will start at 3:00 p.m. at Kralja Milana Street # 10 and end at 4:00 p.m. in front of the Government Building at Nemanjina Street #11.

We remind everyone that even demonstrations and events intended to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable. U.S. citizens are advised to remain cognizant of the Pride Parade route and to exercise caution when in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations, and remain alert throughout Belgrade on Sunday.

For further information:

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