



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Nogales (Mexico), Safety During Festivities

Travel Health and Safety

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This weekend, Magdalena will celebrate Saint Francisco with a festive event. However, as the celebration moves into the evening, the mix of alcohol and revelers elevates risks and safety issues. Local Police will be on hand, but their numbers may be few. Road safety will be a great concern as Route 15 will have an increase in pedestrian traffic. The Consulate has no indication or information of specific threats, and this message is simply precautionary.

The U.S. Consulate General in Nogales urges all U.S. citizens to be safe while enjoying the many festivities. Please make smart safety and security decisions. Some best practices are (but not limited to) the following:

- \* Know where you are going- Do your research head of time, and have an exit plan once you get there.
- \* Be alert to what is going on around you- If you see local people clearing the area, it's probably a good idea for you do the same and head to a safe place.
- \* Watch your alcohol consumption- inebriated people are excellent targets of opportunity.
- \* Keep vehicle doors locked and windows closed, and don't leave valuables in plain view.
- \* Check the interior and exterior of your vehicle prior to getting into it. Look for things that

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are out of place or abnormal.

- \* Maintain a low personal profile by not doing anything that draws attention to you.
- \* Make sure friends and family members know where you are and know how to reach you.
- \* In traffic, always leave space in which to maneuver. Always leave yourself an exit.
- \* If the criminal wants your money, or any material things, then comply. Don't risk your safety or life over things that can be replaced.
- \* Try to be a good witness. Record a suspect's description, license plate number, vehicle information, or anything else that may be useful.
- \* If you are a victim of a crime, contact local police immediately:
  - \* Police: 066 or 911
- \* Please have a SAFE and ENJOYABLE weekend

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Regularly monitor the Embassy website, State Department's website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, (including the Travel Warning for Mexico), Travel Alerts, and the

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