



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Jerusalem, Light Rail Recommendation

Transportation Security; Terrorism

Near East > Jerusalem

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Following the October 9, 2016, shooting at the Ammunition Hill Light Rail station, the U.S. Consulate General is restricting the use of the Jerusalem Light Rail north of the City Hall (Safra Square) stop for all U.S. citizen employees and their family members through the month of October.

The U.S. Consulate General recommendation to avoid the areas around the Damascus, Herod's, and Lions gates of Old City Jerusalem, remains in place through the month of October. We encourage private U.S. citizens to take this information into consideration when making decisions regarding their travel.

The U.S. Consulate General reminds U.S. citizens to avoid areas where there is a heavy police presence, as this is often an indicator of an ongoing investigation, demonstration, or that an attack or an attempted attack may have just occurred. U.S. citizens are also reminded to exercise a heightened sense of situational awareness at all times and to monitor local news sources.

For further information:

- See the State Department's travel **website** for the **Worldwide Caution, Travel Warning for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.**
- Enroll in the **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)** to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- The Consulate General in Jerusalem is located at 14 David Flusser, telephone (972) (2) 622-7230. The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv is located at 71 Hayarkon, telephone (972) (3) 519-7575. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance outside of business hours,

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you may call the emergency after-hours number either in Tel Aviv at (972) (3) 519-7551 or Jerusalem at (972) (2) 622-7250.

- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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