



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Pretoria (South Africa), Planned Demonstration

Riots/Civil Unrest

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The U.S. Diplomatic Mission to South Africa informs U.S. citizens that the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) have planned a demonstration for Wednesday, November 2 at 8:00 A.M. at the Church Square, in the Pretoria central business district. The march route is unknown at this time. The purpose of the demonstration is to protest alleged government corruption and demand free tertiary education. The City of Tshwane has issued a permit for 200 participants, but many more are expected.

Disruptions to motor vehicle traffic are expected in the vicinity of the demonstration, and many local businesses may close for the duration of the event. The U.S. Embassy in Pretoria is advising U.S. government personnel and their family members to avoid the area of the demonstrations.

U.S. citizens are reminded that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Avoid large gatherings and demonstrations; maintain situational awareness and exercise good judgment; stay alert; be aware of your surroundings at all times, and stay abreast of ongoing events through local media outlets and social media.

For further information:

- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information for South Africa.
- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (**STEP**) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- The U.S. Embassy in Pretoria and U.S. Consulate Generals in Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban are located at the addresses below. The U.S. Embassy in Pretoria does not have a consular section and does not provide consular services to U.S. citizens.

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