



## **Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Managua (Nicaragua), Nicaraguan Presidential and National Assembly Elections on Sunday, November 6, 2016**

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Nicaragua is conducting Presidential and National Assembly elections on Sunday, November 6, 2016, and there is a possibility of election-related disturbances. A Travel Alert for Nicaragua issued on June 29, 2016 remains in place and is available at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/nicaragua-travel-alert.html>.

During past elections, protests and political rallies were staged throughout greater Managua to include Granada and Masaya. Violence escalated in some rural communities, and confrontations between political parties erupted along main thoroughfares and locked down Managua for brief periods.

In the aftermath of the elections, there may be celebratory gatherings, which often include the use of fireworks and "morteros" (homemade fireworks). Even gatherings intended to be peaceful can quickly turn confrontational and escalate into violence.

U.S. citizens are urged to avoid areas where demonstrations or protests might be taking place and to exercise caution within the vicinity of any large gathering. Do not attempt to drive through any large groups and barricades encountered on the street. The U.S. Embassy is advising its personnel not to travel outside of Managua on election day.

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Be aware of your surroundings and pay attention to reports in local news media.

For further information about security in Nicaragua:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Nicaragua 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 Nicaragua, located at Km 5 ½ C. Sur Managua, Nicaragua, at 011-505-2252-7100, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The American Citizen Services unit is also available by email during regular business hours at [ACS.Managua@state.gov](mailto:ACS.Managua@state.gov).

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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