



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Kabul (Afghanistan), Embassy Closure on November 14

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In light of the November 12 attack on Bagram Airfield and the November 10 attack on the German Consulate in Mazar-e-Sharif, the U.S. Embassy in Kabul will be closed for routine services on Monday, November 14 as a temporary precautionary measure. The consular section will only provide emergency consular services for U.S. citizens.

The Embassy reminds U.S. citizens of the serious threat of violence, kidnapping, and hostage taking in Afghanistan. Additionally, the U.S. Embassy continues to receive reports of militants planning unspecified attacks in Kabul City and elsewhere in Afghanistan against locations and individuals with potential American connections, including Afghan and U.S. government facilities, foreign embassies, foreign guest houses, restaurants, hotels, airports, civilian institutes, and educational centers. The U.S. Embassy takes these threats seriously and advises U.S. citizens to take appropriate security precautions and to avoid predictable travel patterns within Afghanistan.

Please regularly check the U.S. Embassy Kabul website at <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/acstravelinfo.html> for security updates.

For further information:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warning for Afghanistan, Travel Alerts, and Afghanistan 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, which is located at Great Massoud Road between Radio Afghanistan and the Ministry of Public Health in Kabul. To reach the American Citizen Services (ACS) unit of the Consular Section during business hours, please call 0700-114-000 or send an email to KabulACS@state.gov. You can also reach the ACS unit through the Embassy's switchboard by calling 0700-108-001/002.

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For after-hours emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please call the Consular Duty Officer at 0700-114-000. 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 Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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