



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Thessaloniki (Greece), Planned Demonstration on November 28

Riots/Civil Unrest

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11/28/2016

### Monday 11/28 - Demonstration

**Time:** 11:30

**Where:** Thessaloniki Court House (5,  
26<sup>th</sup> October St.)

**Who:** Antiauthoritarians

Even demonstrations and strikes advertised as being peaceful assemblies have the possibility of turning violent. Consequently, RSO advises employees and family members to be aware of demonstrations and avoid areas where demonstrations are underway. Additionally, sections are asked to remind any TDY personnel of this notice.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, a regular toll line at +1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries.

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**Remember**, even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence without warning. Avoid areas of demonstrations and, if you are within the vicinity of any demonstrations, remain vigilant and exercise caution. Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings and

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local events, monitor local news stations for updates, and report specific incidences of targeted violence to the U. S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki or the U.S. Embassy in Athens. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security. For additional information, please refer to A Safe Trip Abroad.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens and nationals traveling to or residing in Greece enroll in the State

Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). U.S. citizens and nationals without Internet access may enroll directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Enrolling signs you up to receive updated information about areas abroad and makes it easier for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate to contact you or your designated contact in case of emergency.

You can contact the U.S. Embassy in Athens for general consular assistance and up-to-date information on conditions in Greece. Check this website for contact information for the U.S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki:

<http://thessaloniki.usconsulate.gov/contact.html> .

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